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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE OUTLOOK IN THE BALKANS MUCH BRIGHTER.

ALLIES PREPARING FOR ENERGETIC ACTION.

Explosion in German Ammunition Works Kills Hundreds of Workers.

SERIOUS ANTI-WAR RIOTS IN BULGARIA.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

AN AMERICAN PEACE "EXPEDITION."

"JOY-RIDERS" TO STOP THE WAR!

December 5, 2.20 p.m.
A message from New York states that the American motor-car manufacturer, Mr. Henry Ford, who at the time of the British Loan in the United States threatened to withdraw his deposits from any Bank subscribing thereto, recently issued 200 invitations to prominent Americans to accompany him on a tour to Europe, at his expense, with a view to organising a Peace Conference, declaring his determination to have "the boys" out of the trenches by Christmas. For the purpose he chartered the Danish steamer Oscar II. The scheme was received with such derision and denunciation by the American papers that it was first thought that it must be killed forthwith. No prominent personage accepted the invitation, while Judge Parker, ex-Democratic candidate for the Presidency, replied that the Government ought to stop the expedition, "lest Mr. Ford's antics are taken seriously and bring us into contempt, and even hatred." There were many other similar replies. The Government, however, confined itself to refusing passports except to neutral countries. "Ford's Ark," as the Oscar II is called, sailed yesterday with a party of "joy-riders" numbering 140, of whom 54 are reporters, male and female; 20 are clerks; and three are cinematograph operators. The rest are fourth-rate faddists and propagandists of all kinds, including the heads of the "Anti-Suckers Protective League," "Single-taxers," Socialist agitators and reformers and their wives, as well as several representatives of Women's Peace Congresses.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan, however, bade farewell to the "expedition" at the quayside, where the crowd sang, "Onward, Christian Soldiers!" though the effect was somewhat spoiled by someone shouting "Gott strafe them!" Suffragette colours and doves were prominent among the ship's decorations.

UNREST IN BULGARIA.

ANTI-WAR RIOTS AT SOFIA.

December 5, 6.55 p.m.
There has been serious anti-war rioting at Sofia, in front of the Palace. Numbers of people were killed and wounded.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

STRONG WARNING BY THE ADMIRALTY.

December 5, 4.55 p.m.
The Admiralty warns Insurance Companies that they will be liable to prosecution if they communicate particulars of risks on Government work to foreign Companies with which they are in the habit of effecting re-insurances. The Admiralty says that more than one Insurance Company has already been removed from the list of those eligible to participate in Government insurance owing to the want of due precautions regarding secrecy.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

UNITED ITALY.

INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS SUPPORT GOVERNMENT.

December 5, 3.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says the fast pace of the debate in the Chamber was the enthusiastic support which the Independent Socialists gave to the Government's policy to fight to a successful conclusion for the triumph of the highest principles of international justice and legitimate national aspirations. Their leader was warmly cheered. The minority (on the vote of confidence in the Government) consisted of official Socialists.

THE BALKANS.

ALLIES IN DETERMINED MOOD.

December 5, 3.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the conviction now prevails that the Allies will prosecute the Balkan campaign energetically in order to check the German advance to Constantinople. Reinforcements are continually arriving in the Anglo-French lines, which are now extremely strong.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

THE LULL CONTINUES.

December 5, 4.40 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that according to to-day's communique there is nothing to report.

EXPLOSIONS IN GERMAN MUNITION FACTORIES.

DISCONTENTED WORKMEN SUSPECTED.

December 5, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent states that, according to private information, a big explosion has occurred in an ammunition factory at Halle, in Germany, as the result of which hundreds of workers were killed. Another munition factory at Bojlen, in Silesia, was prevented from being blown up by the discovery, at the eleventh hour, that it was undermined. A number of arrests have been made in both cases, as it is suspected that the explosion was due to discontented workmen.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NISH AND BELGRADE.

December 5, 5.25 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Bulgarian communique says that railway communication between Nish and Sofia has been re-established. It is noteworthy that the line between Nish and Belgrade is still cut.

BULGARIANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES.

December 5, 5.55 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the Bulgarians have suffered heavy losses in vain endeavours to dislodge the Allies from the Strumnitza region. Several enemy guns were destroyed.

GERMAN CONSPIRATORS IN AMERICA.

GOVERNMENT TO ROUT THEM OUT.

December 5, 6.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says it is generally thought that the Government has finally decided to rout out the nest of German conspirators in the United States, regardless of the official position of those concerned. Officials believe that there is a direct connection between E. Ray, the conspirator implicated in the bomb plots at New York, and Brincken, who is said to have figured prominently in plots against munition works, railways and ships, and for which the man named Crowley was recently arrested in San Francisco. It is stated in Washington that much of the evidence upon which the judicial authorities are acting was first gathered by British agents.

BAILED OUT.

December 5, 4.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the Hamburg-American conspirators have been admitted to bail of \$10,000 each, pending an appeal. Reuter's correspondent at San Francisco says that the man Brincken has surrendered and has been set out on bail of \$10,000.

M. DENYS COCHIN IN PARIS.

(Havas Telegram.)
December 5.
M. Denys Cochin has arrived in Paris, returning from Rome and Salonica.
[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

WAR TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIANS.

FIERCE HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING.

December 4, 12.10 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome quotes an official statement to the effect that a fierce enemy onslaught on the Melli redoubt, preceded by a terrific artillery preparation, resulted in the enemy entering the Italian lines from which they were driven out. Hand to hand fighting of the bloodiest description ensued and the enemy fled, leaving 500 dead and 131 prisoners.

WONDERFUL WORK BY ALPINISTS.

December 4, 1.10 p.m.
Some slackening in the fighting on the Italian front is recorded in the Austrian and Italian communiques, but the Italian attacks have not ceased. They have made progress near Tolmino, and also in the Ledro Valley, where detachments of Alpini, according to a Rome communique, descended a precipice with the aid of ropes and surprised and routed the Austrians, occupying their position. The fighting has been especially fierce on the Oslavji heights, near Goritz, where the Italian attacks were uninterrupted for nine days and nights, despite an icy bore which was sweeping the bleak, rocky heights at the rate of 60 miles an hour. It was more terrible than the heaviest snowstorm, forcing the men to lie down so as to avoid being blown over the rocks. Serious accidents from this cause were numerous. Italy's undertaking not to make a separate peace was signed in London on November 30.

BRITISH GUNS SILENCE BULGARIANS.

December 4, 3.30 p.m.
A message from Salonica states that the Bulgarians started shelling the British left wing on the Strumnitza front, but were soon silenced by the British guns. This was the only activity on the allied fronts. Further British troops have disembarked. The fall of Monastir is evoking growing resentment in Greek circles. Reports persist in saying that the Russians have entered Bulgaria.

POSITION OF SERBIAN TROOPS.

December 4, 3.30 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that a telegram from Athens reports that the Serbian northern and southern armies are safe. The men from Monastir will doubtless join the Anglo-French army. The Greek Government has given assurances that these Serbian troops cannot be disarmed. M. Pashitch states that the Serbians will reform in Albania and Montenegro.

A FRENCH REPORT.

December 5, 1.15 a.m.
A Paris communique states that there were numerous enemy reconnaissances on the Corps front of our Eastern army on Friday. These were arrested by our artillery. There was a cannonade east of Strumnitza and on the British front.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MONTENEGRINS' HEROIC RESISTANCE.

December 4, 1.10 p.m.
Bulgarian and Austrian despatches state that the Bulgarians are pursuing the Serbians in the direction of Djakova, while the Austro-Germans are following up the small Montenegrin army, which has been obliged to retire after a most heroic resistance. An attack on the Montenegrins was made by three columns from the Bosnian frontier and Sandjak Novibazar, where the Austrians claim the capture of two towns besides Pljevlje.

ARMY HORSES.

NEW GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

December 4, 1.10 p.m.
It is announced that the Government is to purchase Colonel Hall Walker's properties in Kildare and Wiltshire, and is to use them in connection with the maintenance of a proper stock of army horses in the United Kingdom.

CANADA'S WAR LOAN.

THE AMOUNT DOUBLED.

December 4, 1.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that it is officially announced that the Government has decided to increase the war loan of fifty million dollars to one hundred million dollars. A hundred and six million dollars has been subscribed. Fifty millions will be used to raise and equip the Canadian forces as originally intended, and fifty millions will be employed in establishing credit for the Imperial Treasury for the purchase of munitions and giving relief to the exchange situation. Sir Samuel Hughes states that the total call on the Canadian overseas forces is 190,000, of which 115,000 have gone overseas, and it is expected the authorized total of 250,000 will be reached shortly.
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TELEGRAMS.

CEYLON'S NEW GOVERNOR.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London Received December 6.
It is officially stated that the date of Sir John Anderson's departure for Ceylon has not yet been fixed. He will probably remain at the Colonial Office till the end of February.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

KITANO MARU REFLOATED.

London Received December 5.
The Kitano Maru has been refloated.

BILLIARD PLAYER'S DEATH.

London Received December 5.
The death is announced of W. Lovejoy, the famous billiard player and the inventor of the anchor cannon.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

A Paris communique says there is nothing to report. Reinforcements are continually arriving in the Anglo-French lines in the Balkans. Sir John Anderson will probably remain at the Colonial Office until the end of February. There has been serious anti-war rioting at Sofia, in front of the Palace, numbers being killed and wounded. The Bulgarians have suffered heavy losses in vain endeavours to dislodge the Allies from the Strumnitza region. Independent Socialists in the Italian Chamber gave their enthusiastic support to the Government's war policy. There has been a big explosion in an ammunition factory at Halle, in Germany, said to be due to discontented workmen. Some amusing particulars of a stop-the-war expedition, arranged by Mr. Henry Ford, the American motor-car manufacturer, are given in a telegram.

It is stated that much of the evidence whereon the judicial authorities of America are acting against conspirators was first gathered by British agents. The conviction now prevails in Athens that the Allies will prosecute the Balkan campaign energetically, in order to check the German advance to Constantinople. It is generally thought in America that the Government has decided to rout out the nest of German conspirators there, regardless of the official position of those concerned.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY:
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
TO-MORROW:
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Thursday, December 9.
Messrs. Johnsons, Stokes and Master's Office. Meeting of shareholders, William Powell, Ltd.,—8 p.m.
St. Francis School Prize-giving.—5 p.m.
Friday, December 10.
Chamber of Commerce meeting.—4 p.m.
Monday, December 13.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary general meeting, noon.

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BIRTHS.

BRITAIN.—On November 25, at Singapore, the wife of J. Surtees Britain, of a daughter.

OLDHAM.—On November 27, at the Nursing Home, Singapore, the wife of J. E. Oldham, of a daughter.

VINCENT.—On November 27, at Port Dickson, F. M. S., to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Vincent, a son.

MARRIAGE.

GRANT-IRVING.—On Saturday December 4th at St. John's Cathedral, Harriet Irving, of Sunderland, to Thomas Grant, of Sunderland. At Home, December 15th at 25, The Terrace, Kowloon Docks.

DEATHS.

KOMAROFF.—On Tuesday, November 30, 1915, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, Louis Komaroff, aged 66.

CHEETHAM.—On November 30, 1915, at 1 Yang Terrace, Weihaiwei Road, Shanghai, William Bamford Cheetham in his 49th year.

HOPKINS.—At the Shanghai General Hospital, on November 30, 1915, Madeleine Hopkins, the beloved wife of L. A. Hopkins, (formerly of Korea).

WATSON.—On November 27, 1915, London, Marie Louise, beloved wife of William Stuart Watson, (By cable).

TATE.—On November 29, 1915, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, John George Tate, late Chief Officer Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1915.

THE WAR AND SHIPPING.

One of the strongest indications we have yet had of the extent and power of Britain's grip on the naval situation was contained in the report to hand on Saturday that the Admiralty has notified a number of shipbuilding Companies that they may complete the ordinary mercantile tonnage which has, because of the war, been left unfinished. The deduction from that fact is, as the telegram puts it, that our programme of new warship construction has reached a very advanced stage. There is probably no industry which has been so much affected by the war as the shipping industry has. Happily, when hostilities broke out we were well-prepared for anything which might happen on the seas. Our supremacy in that respect was never doubted. And the completeness of our control of the seas during the past eighteen months has aroused the admiration of our Allies and the mortification of our enemies. But satisfaction as the position was, the Admiralty had no intention of leaving matters where they were; it had the situation well in hand from the start, and it was determined to even improve the position. That it did by embarking on a war programme of naval construction, which has kept our shipbuilding yards in a state of unremitting activity.

How many new vessels have been added to the fleet since the war broke out, and of what type they are, is not at present known to the public, nor will it probably be until the struggle is ended. Secrets of that kind are very jealously guarded. But this much we know, that after a year and a half of war our naval strength is greater to-day than ever before. What is more, our naval authorities must be very well satisfied with the situation when they can advise shipbuilders to resume work on ordinary mercantile tonnage. That is a little point which, if they get to hear of it, will probably interest the officials of the German Admiralty and those in command of the stay-at-home fleet. But there is another respect in which the releasing of these shipbuilding yards from Government work may be regarded, and that is the ultimate effect it will have on shipping in general. It is no secret that the commandeering of shipping by the Government has caused a big shortage of tonnage for the transportation of general cargo, and a consequence of this has been the abnormal rise in freight rates. This, in turn, has sent up the cost of imported foodstuffs. Step by step, however, shipping is getting back to normal conditions again. The Admiralty is releasing quite a number of boats now, and as the process continues the scarcity of tonnage will disappear, while the resumption of shipbuilding for mercantile purposes will yet further ease the situation.

In spite of the frantic efforts of German submarines and the fact that our shipbuilding output has been restricted owing to naval demands, the British mercantile fleet is, we believe, larger now than when war broke out. With the return of construction on more normal lines, it will grow to even larger dimensions still. From whatever point of view we regard the question, we have every cause for feeling satisfied with the outlook on the seas. There, at any rate, our position is unchallenged and unassailable. That is the advantage which we have reaped from the possession of a strong, alert, highly-organized and efficient Navy.

The Money-Changer Again.

Judging from a complaint which has reached us, our old friend the money-changer is still up to his old tricks. A lady resident of Hongkong, desiring to change two \$5 bills tendered them at a changer's counter and asked for four \$1 notes and six dollars in small money. The man in charge was willing to oblige, but only on condition that a discount of five cents was paid on the dollar bills! A visit to another money-changer's produced the same result, except that the discount demanded was six cents. On the customer protesting, one of the men volunteered the excuse that the Banks were asking an even higher discount. The whole thing, of course, is nothing but an attempt to fleece the public, since the transaction simply resolved itself into changing six dollars in notes into small money. Happily, in this case the customer knew the type of men with whom she was dealing and was able to effect the changing on just lines elsewhere. But the incident is sufficient to show that these money-changers need to be kept under sharp scrutiny by the authorities.

A Football Matter.

Among the matters discussed at the Football League meeting last Thursday evening was the question—one which has given a deal of trouble at Home—of men playing for two Clubs in the same season without having obtained sanction to do so. The issue is an important one from a footballer's point of view, and the practice is one which needs suppressing, in the interests of the game. Apparently the custom has been far more general here than it should be, and the matter has only been taken notice of where an actual protest has been registered. We do not know the extent of control which the League has over players in this respect, but it would surely be a wise step if a definite rule were made, as in the case of the Lawn Tennis League, that every player must choose the Club for which he desires to play, and, having made the choice, that the League should see that he adheres to his decision. That would be one way out of the difficulty. But whatever the solution, it is surely up to the players themselves, on a point of honour, to discontinue the practice.

Taxing "Music".

Our readers will remember that the Budget recently introduced at Home provided, among other things, for the taxation of imported musical instruments, but they may not know that during the consideration of the Finance Bill in Parliament, a strong plea was made for the exemption from the tax of pianofortes, pianolas, gramophones and other similar instruments. We are not surprised however, to read that the plea found little support and that the House decided that the tax must stand. The argument put forward by the Government was that pianos and gramophones are luxuries, and that, during war, those people who wished to indulge in such luxuries should be prepared to pay more for them. A piano or a gramophone may be a luxury at Home, but from our own painful experience, we should say that is hardly the case in Hongkong. There are, of course, pianos and gramophones; and we should imagine that it would not require any very extravagant outlay of money to purchase most of the fearfully and wonderfully made instruments which make day and night hideous for those who happen to reside in the same neighbourhood as their owners. If the taxing of so-called musical instruments means less indulgence in this kind of "luxury," we could only wish that some-one in our midst would arise and propose that Hongkong should fall in line with the Home legislation on the subject.

Well Known Standard Oil Man's Death.

It is with deep regret that the news of the death of Mr. E. W. Bemis, vice-President of the Standard Oil Co. will be received in Shanghai says the North China Daily News. Bemis was only out in China a few months ago, negotiating with the Chinese Government regarding a big oil field contract, and during his brief stay in Shanghai he made many friends. His death, at the age of about 53, was due to acute pneumonia, and took place in New York.

DAY BY DAY

HE PRAYETH WELL, WHO LOVETH WELL.
BOTH MAN AND BIRD AND BEAST.
—Coleridge.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 59; sunshine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 65; sunshine.

The Mails.
American Mails.—Due to-day per s.s. Nippon Maru.
Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow at 3 p.m.
Australian Mail.—Due to-day per s.s. Taiyuan.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11 1/8.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 100th anniversary of the execution of Marshal Ney.

Gamblers Fined.
Before Mr. Lindell, at the Police Court this morning, three Chinese postmen were charged with gambling, by Sergeant Cockell, and were fined \$8; twelve others were fined \$5 and eleven \$4.

Forgery at the Tai Wan Bank.
Mr. Kufermure, the manager of the Tai Wan Bank, has reported to the Police that a Japanese obtained the sum of \$3,000 from the bank by means of a forged paying voucher which he handed over the counter.

Highway Robbery.
A woman has reported to the Police that she was going in the direction of Kowloon City carrying a basket containing money when she was attacked by two men who stole the basket from her, afterwards running away. One of the men has been arrested.

Death of a Kailan Mining Administration Official.

We regret to hear of the death, of Mr. William Bamford Cheetham, of the Kailan Mining Administration at Shanghai. Mr. Cheetham had been unwell for some time. He was an old and much respected resident of Shanghai.

A Gambling Raid.

Sergeant McWaters to-day, before Mr. Hazell, prosecuted the keeper of a gambling house and 15 other Chinese, with frequenting and gambling at a house in Ship Street. The Sergeant stated that when the raid was made he found the men playing fan-tan. The first defendant was fined \$75 and the rest \$3 each.

A Case of Spite.

An Indian was charged, before Mr. Hazell, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a quantity of sugar from the China Provident Insurance Company. Mr. Gardner appeared for the defence. Inspector Sullivan stated that the manager had asked for the case to be withdrawn because he thought the case was one of spite on the part of another Indian watchman. Defendant was therefore discharged.

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LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

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| Dec. 1 | ... | Tons 152 |
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Total to 5th inst. 741

Daily average 148.20

An Old Offender.

Jose Sequeira, before Mr. Hazell, at the Police Court this morning, was fined \$5 for committing an indecent act.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE BALKANS.

More Trouble for Germany.

When we read of the blowing up of one German ammunition factory and an attempt at blowing up another, in each case apparently by discontented German workmen, all our own troubles at Home where the trade unionists are concerned seem slight indeed. The people of Germany have been talking for a long while, and now it almost looks as though they were beginning to act. It is difficult to see, what else the Kaiser and his supporters could have expected. The truth is that the war is going on as bound to come out sooner or later. Twelve months ago the Kaiser told his people that the Germans were winning. Where are the signs of victory? That people may well ask. Six months ago, and three months ago, he told them the same thing—and yet the hard times and the high prices increase, and the drafts on the manhood of the country do likewise. The number of widows and orphans, too, keeps steadily jumping up and up. If this means victory, we wonder what defeat would look like. Well may the poor of Germany decide that it is better to fall into the hands of the Allies than to remain loyal to a party of lunatics who are leading them to certain destitution and death.

The Balkan Position.

The abandonment of Monastir seems to carry with it no very great triumph or advantage for the enemy, so far as one can see at present. Indeed the chief result has been to thrust the possibility of the Greeks joining the Central Powers farther off than ever. Later wires report the steady inflow of the Entente's troops to the scene of action without any further protest on the part of Greece, and there are persistent reports to the effect that the Russians have now entered Bulgaria. According to an enemy communication the railway between Nish and Sofia has been restored, but it is noteworthy that Reuter, "that portion between Nish and Belgrade is still out." We should say it was very much noteworthy, for the meaning obviously is that parts of the north midlands of Serbia are either in the hands of the Allies or else that they are so hotly contested that it is impossible to get to work on the railway.

America and the Enemy.

It is gratifying to learn that a conviction has been recorded against the H.A.L. in America and that sentences—even if light ones—have been passed on some of the conspirators. It seems to have taken the Washington Government some little time to discover that Captains Boyed and Papan were just as undesirable as the notorious and now ennobled Dambas, but better late than never. Subsequent wires say that a N.D.L. agent and a German army captain in San Francisco are now accused of offences similar to those which have added to the dignity of Germany and Austria in other parts of the States. America is certainly waking up and is making an honest effort to repair her past errors. One of the best signs of that waking up, by the way, is the universal condemnation of the band of lunatics who, according to this morning's cable, have set out to look for trouble in "Ford's Ark." It is a healthy sign that these "joy-riders," numbering 140, of which 54 are reporters, male and female, twenty are clerks, three are cinematograph operators and the rest fourth-rate faddists and propagandists of all kinds, should be held up to ridicule in the very home from which they hail. When the proper time comes the war will end, and that end will be in no way accelerated by the fooleries of Mr. Ford and his friends.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Poiran in Rum. Petty officer forgives his wife," says a *Globe* headline. We take it, however, that the rum belonged to somebody else.

A Manila paper comes out with the following: "More Practico Needed for the Messiah Oratorio." It's strange, but we have never yet heard a performance of the Messiah which would not have been considerably improved by more practice on the part of the singers and players.

Among the Hongkong people towards whose funeral expenses we would willingly contribute our humble mite, is that old dame who waylays us after a particularly heavy day at the office and implores us to buy "Talgaph."

Says the *Shanghai National Review*:—"Safe Novels."—The Mission Book Company has an excellent list of novels that are safe to give to anybody, and that everybody will like. These before us include the story of a little crippled boy, who by his serenity and triumphant faith—"But enough. We will take the *National Review's* word for it that these are indeed 'safe' novels."

People to whom we take off our hat: (1) The amah who put an ice pudding in the oven to keep it hot for master's tiffin. (2) Our educated comp. for setting the dollar on Thursday at 5/11 1/8.

In a moment of abstraction our educated comp. also talked about "Police Deserve Band." Of course they deserve a band—and anything else they can get.

An Iloilo paper thanks a local gentleman "for donating the services of the Scout Band." Times is changed since Artemus Ward "resolved that the thanks of the undersigned air dew to the Baldwinville brass band for kindly refraining from playing."

A contemporary informs us that "Dr. Frederick Cooke, who claimed to have reached the North Pole has visited India, where he intended attempting exploration work in the Himalayas, but the Indian Government refused him permission." But that's the kind of mad thing we Britishers do. Think of the amount we might have learned about our own territory if only we'd left things to Dr. Cooke.

"Berlin, November 22. (Ueberseezeitung).—The official report to the effect that 50,000 Serbians had been captured in one day is, apparently an error in transmission, as it is now learned that the total number of Serbian prisoners captured last week is only 28,000." But Lord! What an odd four and twenty thousand? And why bother about the petty difference between a day and a week?

A letter to the *Manila Bulletin* contains the following:—"I wish you to publish the following correction to avoid unnecessary misunderstanding against a technical mistake made in the last sentence, which should read: 'The total loss of pearls and damages (not dynamite) is P15,000.' We think the correspondent's complaint not altogether unreasonable. After all, dynamite and damages are not necessarily the same thing, save when the former gets into the hands of Hongkong coolies and is used for any purpose from fighting to shaving."

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

A Chinese builder's labourer was charged at the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Hazell, with throwing scaffolding poles from the top of a four-storey building at West Point.

Inspector O'Sullivan stated that if any one had been passing at the time they would certainly have been killed.

His Worship:—Did they break the road?

Inspector O'Sullivan:—No, but if prisoner had persisted in what he was doing the road would have been broken.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

CONCERT BY MM. MIROVITSCH AND PIASTRO.

It can be truthfully said that it is a long time since Hongkong was favoured with the presence of such accomplished musicians as Alfred Mirovitch and Michael Piastro, who appeared at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening and are due to appear again to-night. This is not the first time these celebrated artists have played before Hongkong audiences, and those who had the pleasure of hearing them on the occasion of their former visit still have memories of an excellence of talent that is, also, too infrequently heard in the Colony. That world-famous violinist, Piastro, has been playing before the musical public a little more than five years, and during that time has won for himself a reputation that is to be envied by men of much longer publicity. As a pianist, Mirovitch has been spoken of in terms of highest praise, and there is little doubt that he ranks among the very finest artists of his kind now before the public. On Saturday evening both these gentlemen were given a hearty reception from those who visited the Theatre Royal, and, judging by the unstinted applause bestowed on every item, all thoroughly enjoyed their renditions. One could not help feeling that the attendance might have been more complimentary to the artists from a numerical point of view.

Tosca of Saturday night's concert is to bestow the highest praise on every item, and one is constrained to talk of the programme *seriatim* lest it be inferred by mentioning each artist in turn that the first-mentioned is the more brilliant of the two. The opening item was a sonata by Bach, violin and piano being blended in this composition in a manner peculiar to the celebrated composer. The whole of the four movements were rendered with a perfection that assured those assembled that they were in for an evening full of musical treats. Vivid contrasts of expression recur throughout, and each artist demonstrated that he was a perfect master of his instrument. Due appreciation was shown at the close. The first solo by M. Mirovitch was Schumann's *Carnaval*, Op. 9, a lengthy but intensely attractive piece, and the pianist was here heard at his best. Displaying a wonderful mastery of technique and a fine control of the tenderest gradations of tone, he proved himself to be a true artist, a fact that the audience was not slow to acknowledge at the conclusion of the rendition. M. Piastro, who was accompanied throughout the evening by M. Mirovitch, gave an unalloyed pleasure by his playing of Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole* his rich-toned violin being handled in a manner that positively charmed. At the end of the second movement the audience could not restrain from hearty applause, so raptivating had the rendition been, and so brilliant had been the production of the high harmony on which the movement ends. The concluding portion of the composition is of exquisite beauty, and it was given with that true expression which is necessary for all its charms to be appreciated. The artist was enthusiastically called upon to bow his acknowledgments.

Part two of the programme opened with a couple of pieces by M. Mirovitch—Nocturne No. 3 "A Dream of Love" by Liszt, and "Campanella" by the same composer—which were again rendered with perfection of style and beauty of expression. So well were both played that M. Mirovitch was recalled, obliging with a short, yet pleasing composition. The rest of the programme was sustained by M. Piastro, his first selection being the Nocturne No. 7 by Chopin—Sarasate, a piece that served to bring out the full talents of the artist. The well-known and favourite Humoresque by Dvorak was undoubtedly one of the best things of the evening, whilst the concluding item, *Caprice Basque* by Sarasate proved a fitting finale to what had been a musical treat of the very highest order. One's only regret is that Hongkong is not more frequently visited by players of such note.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

Kowloon "B" v. Hongkong
O.C. "B".

Played on the Hongkong ground on Saturday, this match resulted in a win for the home team by 14 runs. There were several good batting displays, H. H. Taylor for Hongkong knocking up the respectable total of 54, whilst Major Robertson for Kowloon was "not out" for 39. As will be seen by the scores below there were a large number of extras on each side. The bowling honours went to Kay, of Kowloon, he taking five wickets for 43 runs. Sayer of Hongkong took five for 74.

The scores were:—
Kowloon.
P. W. A. Wilkie c and b Sayer 7
J. Stalker b Reed ... 18
H. Overy b Reed ... 9
F. J. de Rome c Baker b Sayer 15
Major Robertson, not out ... 39
D. J. Mackenzie c Whitmarsh b Sayer ... 6
Dr. Forreth b Sayer ... 9
W. T. Elson b Sayer ... 10
W. Kay b Reed ... 8
A. R. E. Raven c Whitmarsh b Taylor ... 4
A. J. W. Rosser c Gace b Baker ... 30
Extras ... 30
Total ... 102

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Sayer ... 12 ... 74 ... 5
Reed ... 9 ... 46 ... 3
Taylor ... 3 ... 12 ... 1
Baker ... 0 ... 0 ... 1

Hongkong.
R. Kennedy b Overy ... 10
H. E. Maribel c Robertson b Overy ... 10
H. H. Taylor c Overy b Kay 54
G. E. Aubrey run out ... 24
T. E. Pearce c and b Kay ... 1
G. R. Sayer b Kay ... 4
A. Whitmarsh b Overy ... 5
A. L. Gace b Kay ... 13
R. P. Thurstield b Kay ... 1
F. B. Baker not out ... 5
E. B. Reed not out ... 31
Extras ... 36
Total ... 176

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Kay ... 15 ... 43 ... 5
Overy ... 15 ... 21 ... 3
McKenzie ... 3 ... 0 ... 1
de Rome ... 2 ... 27 ... 0

Kowloon "A" v. University.
This proved a very interesting match at Kowloon on Saturday, the result being a narrow win for the University by 2 runs. This victory was mainly due to the good batting of Marley (24) Wright (23) and Ranjha (19). Ho Wing Kin took 7 wickets for 41 runs. For the losers Weaser was top scorer with 23. Scores:—
Kowloon "A".

F. Sutton c Ng Sze Kwong b Marley ... 8
G. McGregor b Ho Wing Kin 19
Capt Liddell b Ho Wing Kin 8
K. McLennan, c and b Ho Wing Kin ... 0
J. V. Braga c Chan Wing To b Marley ... 14
J. P. Robinson b Ho Wing Kin 6
W. L. Weaser c Anderson b Ho Wing Kin ... 23
Fletcher b Marley ... 9
A. W. E. Davidson c Yang Hin Lan b Ho Wing Kin ... 0
B. A. Aveline not out ... 2
F. G. Pares c Yang Hin Lin b Ho Wing Kin ... 2
Extras ... 3
Total ... 94

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Ho Wing Kin ... 15 ... 31 ... 7
G. E. Marley ... 15 ... 50 ... 3
University.
Ho Wing Kin c Sutton b Braga 0
J. D. Wright b Braga ... 23
Ng Sze Kwong b Aveline ... 12
Wei Wing Look b Braga ... 1
G. E. Marley c Liddell b McGregor ... 24
Ng Sze Cheung c Braga b McGregor ... 0
O. G. Anderson c Fletcher b McLennan ... 5
W. Hall b McLennan ... 5
A. A. Ranjha c Fletcher b Braga ... 19
Yan Hin Lin not out ... 1
Chan Wing To c Weaser b Fletcher ... 4
Extras ... 6
Total ... 96

BRITISH RED CROSS.

Detailed Statement of Account.

We have been requested to give publicity to the attached accounts of a garden fete and cinematograph entertainment at Canton on October 21 last:—

Admissions ... 50.80
Raffles ... 168.70
Subscription List ... 707.00
Oocount Shy ... 213.50
Auctions ... 497.00
Programmes ... 312.30
Shooting Gallery ... 22.95
Bar ... 57.30
Clack Golf ... 17.00
Sweet Stall ... 68.00
Work Stall ... 240.60
Top Hat Shy ... 131.10
Teas and Ices ... 29.70
Man in the Tub ... 519.65

Collected by Messrs. Belsey and Crooke (evening) ... 75.25
Children's Day ... 27.80
Collected by Captain Mackinnon (S. S. Kinsman) ... 49.40
Less:—Expenses ... 87.90
Loss on Sub-coin ... 30.65
Total ... \$3,231.40

\$300 remitted to British Red Cross Society, at ... 1/10 9/16, \$3,101.13
Balance in hand ... 40.27
The cordial thanks of the organisers are due to numerous firms in Canton and Hongkong who supplied goods and gave their services free of charge.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Braga ... 9 ... 32 ... 4
Aveline ... 4 ... 17 ... 1
McGregor ... 6 ... 15 ... 2
McLennan ... 4 ... 18 ... 2
Fletcher ... 2.4 ... 1 ... 8

FOOTBALL.

Club v. Shropshire 1st XI.

The Club met the Shropshires on their own ground for Senior League honours on Saturday afternoon, when a hard struggle followed, both sides playing well. Fennell played up to his usual form, and had he not most unfortunately hurt his right knee he might have scored for the Club. Railton, too, is deserving of praise, he played his best, while Black, the fullback, defended brilliantly. Skalker, however, played a little below his usual form. But for one or two players losing their temper, the Club gave a good display. The game was very keen and a pointless draw was the result which brought it to a close.

R.E. v. R.G.A.

The R. E., however, were more fortunate than the Club, and managed, after a very hard struggle, to beat their tough opponents, the R.G.A., by one goal to nil.

St. Joseph's v. Confucians.

The above teams had a rare struggle for Second Division League honours. The College team was weakened by the absence of their captain, Isaac Goldenberg, and their left wing, R. Omar, who were unavoidably absent. Notwithstanding this, however, they managed to win by the only goal of the game, the leather finding the net through a brilliant shot from T. Hyndman. The scores were:—St. Joseph's 1 goal, Confucians, nil.

Shropshire 2nd XI v. Islamics.
The Shropshires managed to secure an easy win of 4 goals to one against the Islamics, who played a very weak defence and did not seem to be up to their usual form.

Lam Liong v. Diocessans.

The Lam Liong had a sort of child's play in their match against their weak opponents, who however, played gamely. Had the Diocessan players been heavier and faster, the Chinese would not have won so easily. The scores were:—Lam Liong 7 goals, Diocessans nil.

TO ASSIST HEROES ORPHANS.

Successful Sale of Work at Kowloon.

With the laudable object of raising funds to assist the Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors who are killed during the war, a fancy sale of work was organised in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this taking place on Saturday afternoon with gratifying success. The prime movers in the matter were Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford, these ladies, by whom all the arrangements were made, deserving every praise for the manner in which the function was organised. The sale of work took place in the grounds of the Church, the effectively arranged stalls presenting a pretty appearance.

The opening ceremony was performed by Lady May, who was accompanied by Miss Phoebe May. Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford presided, the Rev. N. Pope (Vicar) and Mrs. Pope being among those present. A party of young ladies—The Misses Jack (2), Miss Flint, Miss Luckmanoff, Miss Edwards, Miss Hyde, and Miss Ramsey, who were attired to represent the Allies, presented Lady May with a beautiful basket of flowers their address to her Ladyship being:—
"Lady May, We the Allies, on behalf of Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford, present this basket of flowers as a gracious acknowledgment of your coming to Kowloon to open the sale of work in aid of the orphans of our sailors and soldiers."

Lady May, in opening the sale of work said that it gave her great pleasure to come to Kowloon to open that sale for such a good object. She wished it every success and thanked Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford for the beautiful flowers.

The stall holders then became busy disposing of their fancy and useful goods. Those in charge of the stalls were:—Fanny Stall; Mrs. Gill, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. King, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Paokham, and Mrs. Whitmarsh; Sweet Stall: Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Franklin, and Miss Gill; War Fund Clothing Stall: Mrs. Cooper Hunt and Mrs. Bowsher; Stencilling Stall: Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Griffin, and Miss Rodger; Paokham Stall: Miss Ferguson and Miss Stone. The tea stall was in the capable hands of Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. Green.

Among the other attractions were a Bran Pie presented by the R.A.M.U. of which Corporals Strange and Evans were in charge, and a shooting gallery arranged and controlled by Mr. Green.

The Band of the 74th Punjab (under Bandmaster Christian), who were present by kind permission of Col. Watson and the officers, rendered a good programme of music during the afternoon.

At five o'clock an enjoyable concert, arranged by Mr. Grimble, took place in the Church Hall, those contributing to the programme being:—the orchestra of the H. K. V. Signallers Section, Mrs. Villiers Smyth, Miss Scott, Miss Mary Hyde, Mr. A. J. England, Mr. Villiers Smyth, Mr. H. I. Jones, Mr. W. G. Worcester Mr. H. Belphe and Mr. H. E. Maribel.

During the afternoon a party of young ladies sold flowers and favours in the grounds, quite a good income being realised from their efforts.

It should be mentioned that Mr. Paokham superintended the erection of the stalls; Mr. Davey of the Harbour office, securing valuable assistance in the work.

THEFT OF BRASS LOCKS.

Found up a Coolie's Sleeve.
At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged, before Mr. Hazeland, with stealing brass hinges from the Orient Tobacco Factory.
An Indian watchman stated that he was searching the coolies who left the building, when defendant passed him and shook his coat, saying he had nothing. Witness, however, searched him and found the brass locks in the sleeve of his coat.
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Course:—Lyceum Beacon (P.), East Rock Buoy (P.), Lyceum Beacon (P.). Distance:—10.1 miles.

| Yacht | Run on Course | Finishing Time | Corrected Time |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dione | Scratch | 5.00.17 | 5.01.07 |
| Rona | 5.04.23 | 5.03.33 | |
| La Linda | 2.31 D.N.F. | | |
| Colleen | 6.44 5.10.46 | 5.04.02 | |
| Kathleen | 6.44 5.07.49 | 5.01.05 | |
| Dorothea | 10.06 D.N.S. | | |
| Ayasha | 10.06 D.N.S. | | |
| Buccaneer | 15.09 D.N.S. | | |

One Design Class.

Course:—Mark Boat Quay Bay (P.), East Rock Buoy (S.), Channel Rocks (P.). Distance:—7 miles.

| Yacht | Run on Course | Finishing Time | Corrected Time |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kathleen | 9 | 19 | |
| Dione | 7 | 22 | |
| Rona | 8 | 21 | |
| Colleen | 5 | 19 | |
| La Linda | — | 8 | |
| Dorothea | — | — | |
| Ayasha | — | — | |
| Buccaneer | — | — | |

Mark Boat Quay

Course:—Mark Boat Quay Bay (P.), East Rock Buoy (S.), Channel Rocks (P.). Distance:—7 miles.

| Yacht | Run on Course | Finishing Time | Corrected Time |
|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bonita | Scratch | 4.40.34 | |
| Alice | 4.29.05 | | |
| Daphne | 4.42.17 | | |
| Halcyon | D.N.F. | | |

Heyward Hays and Gae Classes.

Course:—Mark Boat Quay Bay (P.), East Rock Buoy (S.), Channel Rocks (P.). Distance:—7 miles.

| Yacht | Run on Course | Finishing Time | Corrected Time |
|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Alice | 5 | 11 | |
| Bonita | 3 | 5 | |
| Daphne | 2 | 12 | |
| Halcyon | — | 3 | |

White

Course:—Mark Boat Quay Bay (P.), East Rock Buoy (S.), Channel Rocks (P.). Distance:—7 miles.

| Yacht | Run on Course | Finishing Time | Corrected Time |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Rosa | Scratch | 4.51.21 | 4.51.21 |
| Alice | 4.45.51 | 4.45.51 | |
| Owl | 35 | D.N.S. | |
| Toinnette | 35 | 4.52.16 | 4.51.41 |
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|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
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| Tjitaroom | in port | ...7th Dec. | ...7th Dec. | JAPAN |
| Tjipanas | in port | ...10th Dec. | ...10th Dec. | JAVA & MAKASSAR |
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|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
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| Shinyo Maru* | (Cargo steamer) 17,200 - 15 knots | 23rd December. |
| Kiyo Maru* | (Cargo steamer) 9,000 - 17 knots | 28th December. |
| Persia Maru* | (Cargo steamer) 22,000 - 21 knots | 8th January. |
| Chiyo Maru* | (Cargo steamer) 8,000 - 14 knots | 15th January. |
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| Steamer | Tons & Speed | Leave Hongkong |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
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MAIL SCHEDULE

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| Steamer. | Arrive Hongkong from Australia. | Leave Hongkong for Australia. |
|------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| St. Albans | 18th Dec. | 18th Dec. 11 a.m. |
| Empire | 18th Dec. | 3rd Jan. " |
| Eastern | 7th Jan. | 31st Jan. " |
| Aldenharn | 29th Jan. | 21st Feb. " |

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| Steamships. | Captain | Leaving. |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Haimun | A. H. Stewart | TUES., 7th Dec. at 2 p.m. |
| Haiching | W. C. Pasmore | FRI., 10th Dec. at 2 p.m. |
| Haitan | J. S. Thomson | TUES., 14th Dec. at 2 p.m. |

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LOG BOOK.

The S.S. Kutsang's Officers.

The Indo-China s.s. Kutsang
on her last trip from Hongkong
to Japan, had five officers on
board, including captain, holding
masters' certificates. In these
days, remarks Shipping and
Engineering when a ship often
has to sail with only one certi-
ficated officer and the master on
board, this surely establishes a
record.

Galveston's Drydocks.

Actual work on the construction
of marine ways and dry dock in
Galveston harbour started Septem-
ber 23. Work will go forward
day and night, and it is hoped to
haul a boat on the new ways by
January 1, 1916, or at the latest,
by February 1. The dimensions
of the dock will be 380 by 160ft.,
with a channel in the centre, this
channel at the rear end narrowing
to a point, where the cradle will
be built. The railway dry dock,
now under construction will have
a capacity of 1,000 tons. This
will provide facilities for launches,
tugs, etc., that are now obliged to
go elsewhere. Later, a floating
dry dock will be constructed that
will be capable of handling the
largest vessels that call at the
port of Galveston.

New American Ruling for

Discharging Sailors.

New regulations under the Sea-
men's Act, regarding the discharge
of seamen in special cases, have
been issued by the Department of
Commerce. The regulations, as
drafted by the Bureau of Naviga-
tion are as follows: "Section 16
of the Act of December 21, 1898,
amended in part section 4581
Revised Statutes, relating to the
discharge of seamen by consuls,
to read: "If the seaman is dis-
charged on account of injury or
illness, incapacitating him for ser-
vice, the expenses of his mainten-
ance and return to the United
States shall be paid from the fund
for the maintenance and trans-
portation of destitute American
seamen." Section 16 of the Sea-
men's Act of March 4, 1915, adds
to these words the following:
"Provided, that at the discretion
of the Secretary of Commerce, and
under such regulations as he may
prescribe, if any seaman inopac-
itated from service by injury or
illness is on board a vessel so
situated that a prompt discharge
requiring the personal appearance
of the master of the vessel before
an American consul or consular
agent is impracticable, such sea-
man may be sent to a consul or
consular agent, who shall care for
him and defray the cost of his
maintenance and transportation
as provided in this paragraph.
The personal appearance of the
master of the vessel before an Am-
erican consul or consular agent to
consent to the discharge of a sea-
man who has been incapacitated
by injury or illness may be waived
by the consul under the follow-
ing conditions: (a) When the
condition of the injured or ill
seaman is such that prompt
medical attendance is necessary
and cannot be furnished on ship-
board; and (b) When the master
consents, proceeded with the seaman
to the consul without risk to the
crew, the vessel, or the cargo. In
such cases the master will address
to the consul in writing a full
statement of the facts which ren-
der necessary the discharge of the
seaman, together with a statement
of the reasons why he himself is
unable to appear before the con-
sul. The statement should cover
the usual particulars set forth in
a discharge and should be accom-
panied with an account of the
wages due and with the necessary
funds to meet such wages, or (if
the cash be not available) with an
order on the owner for the amount
due. If the consul shall deem the
statement satisfactory he may dis-
charge the seaman as directed in
section 4581, Revised Statutes, as
amended by section 16 of the Act
of December 21, 1898, and section
19 of the Act of March 4, 1915, as
if the master were present, attach-
ing to discharge and to his relief
account a copy of the statement
submitted by the master. If the
consul shall deem the statement
unsatisfactory he will decline to
grant the discharge, and direct
that the seaman be returned to the
vessel at its expense."Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed
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LOG BOOK.

J.C.J.L. Dividend.
The Java-China-Japan Line of Amsterdam shows a net profit for 1914 of 112,733 gulden, of which 55,555 gulden goes to the Dutch Government. A dividend of 6 per cent. has been declared.
East Asiatic Co's Steamers for Sale.

The East Asiatic Company, it is stated, has decided to sell ten of their steamers and replace them by motor-driven vessels of large size. The steamers to be sold total about 75,000 tons and the price said to have been obtained for them is about £10 per ton.

Passenger Traffic at Wenchow.

The Chinese passenger traffic does not vary much from year to year at Wenchow, remarks a consular report. Our returns give 100,751 in and out as against 109,022 the year before. The steamer facilities for travelling between here and Ningpo or Shanghai are very good. The traveller has, in fact, a choice of routes. He can go direct by a steamer of the China Merchants Company or by the way of Haikow on board an "inland" water steamer. By the latter route his voyage will cost him less, but should he wish to go to Shanghai, he must change into another vessel at Ningpo.

The Cholburi.

The Cholburi, which was burnt outside the bar, says the *Bangkok Times* of November 12, had on board two thousand gallons of kerosene. One half came from the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd., and the other from the Standard Oil Co., and was destined for Bangkok. The fire was first observed about midnight and did not subside till seven in the morning, by which time the vessel was burnt to the water's edge. Lady Mahibul is of the opinion that the fire was the work of an incendiary, and it is claimed that the criminal was in the employ of competitors on this run. So fierce were the flames that the copper sheathing on the hull was melted in some places. The harbour department boat West went down to the wreck and efforts were made to get easily moved articles from the wreck, which is entirely submerged at high water, not even the smoke stack being visible. No lives were lost, and on the fire being observed boat put off from the lightships and picked up crew and passengers.

Dairen Harbour Works.
£110,850 were spent during 1914 on harbour works at Dairen; 12 per cent. of the constructional work on the north-west breakwater, which is to have a total length of 1,700 ft., was completed, 12 per cent. remains unfinished. The junk anchorage breakwater, which lies off the old Russian administrative quarter, is to have a total length of 3,100 ft. Of this 1,700 ft. were built as early as May in the year, but it is uncertain when work on the balance will be taken in hand. A temporary ship anchorage breakwater of a length of 1,000 ft. was also constructed during the year, while the work on the west portion of the west breakwater, representing 1,988 ft., was completed. The length of the new wharf was originally fixed at 1,900 ft. This has now been altered to 2,000 ft. Its breadth will be 400 ft. and its height above the level of the highest spring tides 2 ft. 5 in.; 8.25 per cent. of the work was completed in 1914; 87.7 per cent. remains unfinished. The total length of wharf frontage which can at the present moment be made use of is 7,908 ft., affording accommodation for the following ships:—

| Tonnage (gross) | Vessels | Neap Tide, Feet. |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| 6,000 to 10,000 | 7 | 30 |
| 4,000 | 5 | 24 to 26 |
| 3,000 | 9 | 21 22 |

An iron landing stage 133 ft. long and 17 ft. broad was built in Hamacho to the west of the wharves during the year, and at its end a bacoen 20 ft. high with a light radius of a little over two miles has been erected. The total amount of mud, sand, &c., to be removed from the harbour by dredging is estimated approximately at 15,000,000 tons. Of this work 8.6 per cent. was accomplished in 1914; 19.4 per cent. remains to be done.

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|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
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| SHANGHAI | Choysang | Tues., 7th Dec. at 9 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI via Foochow | Wingsang | Wed., 8th Dec. at daylight |
| TIENSIN | Chipsang | Wed., 8th Dec. at daylight |
| Kobe & Moji | Kumsang | Thurs., 9th Dec. at daylight |
| SANDAKAN | Hinsang | Thurs., 9th Dec. at noon |
| S'PORE, Pang & Calcutta | Lalsang | Thurs., 9th Dec. at 3 p.m. |
| MANILA | Yuensang | Sat., 11th Dec. at 3 p.m. |

Return Tours to Japan.

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| Destination. | Vessel's Name. | For Freight Apply To | To be Despatched. |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| London & M'les. via S'pore etc. | Kamo M. | N. Y. K. | 16, Dec. |
| London and Bombay | Namur | P. & O. | 16, Dec. |
| London and Hull | Kioto | B. L. L. | 18, Dec. |
| London & Marseilles via Ports | Kashima M. | N. Y. K. | 30, Dec. |

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

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|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Vancouver | Mon. Eagle | O. P. L. | 8, Dec. |
| Vancouver & Seattle | Kaifuku M. | J. M. Co. | 10, Dec. |
| San Francisco via M'la & Japan etc. | Nippon M. | T. K. K. | 14, Dec. |
| Victoria, B.C., & Seattle etc. | Tamba M. | N. Y. K. | 14, Dec. |
| Victoria, B.C., & Seattle | Y'hama M. | N. Y. K. | 23, Dec. |
| San Fco via Manila & Japan etc. | Shinyo M. | T. K. K. | 23, Dec. |
| San Francisco & American Ports | Kiyo M. | T. K. K. | 8, Jan. |
| San Francisco | Arakan | J.O.J.L. | 8, Jan. |
| Victoria, B.C., & Seattle etc. | Sado M. | N. Y. K. | 11, Jan. |
| San Francisco via S'hai & Japan etc. | Feris M. | T. K. K. | 15, Jan. |
| San Francisco via S'hai & Japan etc. | Chiyo M. | T. K. K. | 25, Jan. |
| San Francisco | Tjisondari | J. C. J. L. | 9, Feb. |
| San Fco via S'hai & Japan etc. | Dairen M. | T. K. K. | 3, Mar. |
| San Francisco | Karlmoen | J. C. J. L. | 9, Mar. |
| San Francisco | Tjikembang | J. C. J. L. | 9, Apr. |

AUSTRALIA.

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| Australian Ports via Manila | Taiyuan | B. & S. | 11, Dec. |
| Sydney & Melbourne via Manila | Tango M. | N. Y. K. | 14, Dec. |
| Australian Ports via Manila | St. Albans | G. L. Co. | 18, Dec. |
| Australian Ports via Manila | Empire | G. L. Co. | 3, Jan. |
| Sydney & Melbourne via Manila | Nikko M. | N. Y. K. | 14, Jan. |
| Australian Ports via Manila | Changsha | B. & S. | 21, Jan. |
| Australian Ports via Manila | Eastern | G. L. Co. | 31, Jan. |
| Sydney & Melbourne via Manila | Aldenharn | G. L. Co. | 21, Feb. |
| Sydney & Melbourne via Manila | Hitachi M. | N. Y. K. | Feb. |

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Bangkok | Quarta | B. & S. | 6, Dec. |
| Batavia | Tijlajap | J. C. J. L. | 6, Dec. |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama | Kashmir | P. & O. | 6, Dec. |
| Shanghai | Tijlajap | J. C. J. L. | 7, Dec. |
| Singapore, Bombay etc. | Rangoon M. | N. Y. K. | 7, Dec. |
| Manila, Cebu and Iloilo | Tan | B. & S. | 7, Dec. |
| Singapore, via Amoy & Swatow | S. Jacob | J. C. J. L. | 7, Dec. |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foochow | Haimun | D. L. Co. | 7, Dec. |
| Shanghai, Moji & Kobe | Pennang M. | N. Y. K. | 7, Dec. |
| Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama | Ceylan M. | N. Y. K. | 7, Dec. |
| Shanghai | Choyang | J. M. Co. | 7, Dec. |
| Shanghai | Yingchow | B. & S. | 7, Dec. |
| Japan | Tijlajap | J. C. J. L. | 7, Dec. |
| Shanghai via Foochow | Wingsang | J. M. Co. | 8, Dec. |
| Tientsin | Chipsang | J. M. Co. | 8, Dec. |
| Haiphong | Sungkiang | B. & S. | 8, Dec. |
| Singapore, Penang & Calcutta | Lalsang | J. M. Co. | 9, Dec. |
| Sandakan | Hinsang | J. M. Co. | 9, Dec. |
| Kobe & Moji | Kumsang | J. M. Co. | 9, Dec. |
| Shanghai | Shantung | B. & S. | 9, Dec. |
| Java and Makassar | Tjisondari | J. C. J. L. | 10, Dec. |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foochow | Haiching | D. L. Co. | 10, Dec. |
| Manila | Yuensang | J. M. Co. | 11, Dec. |
| Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama | Athos | M. M. | 13, Dec. |
| Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama | Nikko M. | N. Y. K. | 13, Dec. |
| Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama | Suwa M. | N. Y. K. | 14, Dec. |
| Manila, Cebu and Iloilo | Taming | B. & S. | 14, Dec. |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foochow | Haitan | D. L. Co. | 14, Dec. |
| S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama | Novara | N. Y. K. | 18, Dec. |
| Singapore, Calcutta etc. | Hakata M. | N. Y. K. | 18, Dec. |
| Manila | Loongsang | J. M. Co. | 18, Dec. |
| Singapore, Bombay etc. | Iyo M. | N. Y. K. | 20, Dec. |
| Singapore, Calcutta etc. | Kaga M. | N. Y. K. | 25, Dec. |
| Singapore & Bombay | Pennang M. | N. Y. K. | 3, Jan. |
| Mauritius and South African Ports | Salamis | B. L. L. | 25, Jan. |
| Shanghai | Tijlajap | J. C. J. L. | Q. desp. |

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. KASHMIR left Singapore for this Port on the 30th Nov., at morning with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 5th Dec. at about daylight.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. ANYO MARU will next leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.

The T. K. K. s.s. SHINYO MARU sailed for San Francisco on the 12th October at noon. This vessel will next leave Hongkong for San Francisco via usual ports of call on Tuesday the 28th Dec. at noon.

The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO MARU sailed on the 30th Nov. at noon—This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

The T. K. K. s.s. NIPPON MARU which sailed from San Francisco on the 6th November is expected to arrive at this Port via Honolulu, Japan Ports & Shanghai on Monday the 6th inst. at about 4 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Australian Oriental Line s.s. TAIYUAN left Manila for Hongkong, direct on the 3rd Dec., and may be expected to arrive on the 6th December.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

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| St. Albans, Br. s.s. 2,538, E. T. Pilcher, 28th Nov. ult.—Manila, Gen.—G. L. & Co. | |
| Tijlajap, Dut. s.s. 3,051, A. Oldenburger, 28th ult.—Sourabaya, 15th ult. Gen.—J.O.J.L. | |
| Chunyang, Br. s.s. 1,417, O. J. Matlock, 29th ult.—Java, 18th ult. Sugar—J. M. & Co. | |
| Gomni Maru, Br. s.s. 1,345, E. Jones, 30th Nov.—Tonawa, 25th Nov. Gen.—Chinese. | |
| Tansan Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,422, Nishikawa, 30th ult.—Chingwantao, 22nd ult. Coal—D. & Co. | |
| Feiching, Sbi. s.s. 998, Bavis, 2nd Dec.—Swatow, 1st Dec. Gen.—C.M.S.N. Co. | |
| Van Spilbergen, Dut. s.s. 3,000, de Mordt, 2nd Dec.—Penang, 23rd ult. Gen.—J.O.J.L. | |
| Chipsang, Br. s.s. 1,199, F. G. N. Walker, 3rd Dec.—Tientsin, 27th ult. Gen.—J. M. & Co. | |
| Japan, Br. s.s. 3,008, O. P. Seddon, 3rd Dec.—Shanghai, 29th ult. Gen.—D. S. & Co. | |
| Tijlajap, Dut. s.s. 3,444, Leach, 3rd Dec.—Manila, 29th ult. Gen.—J.O.J.L. | |
| Yingchow, Br. s.s. 1,258, E. B. Jones, 3rd Dec.—Shanghai, 30th ult. Gen.—B. & S. | |
| Hormes, Dut. s.s. 2,313, B. V. Jagt, 3rd Dec.—Balki Japan, 24th ult. Bulk oil—A. P. Co. | |
| Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 750, Morvan, 4th Dec.—Haiphong, 1st Dec. Gen.—A. B. Marly. | |
| Haurora, Br. s.s. J. G. Smith, 4th Dec.—Singapore, 24th ult. Gen.—Order. | |
| Sellin, Norw. s.s. 385, T. E. Enderby, 5th Dec.—Bangkok, 19th ult. Rice—T. & Co. | |

VESSELS DUE.

| Agents. | Vessel's Name. | Tonnage. | Date Due. | From. |
|-------------|------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| G. L. & Co. | Taiyuan | 2,369 | Dec. 6 | Australia |
| B. & S. | Antiochus | 9,039 | Dec. 6 | London |
| J.O.J.L. | Tijlajap | 3,559 | Dec. 6 | Japan |
| P. & O. | Mongara | | Dec. 8 | Singapore |
| B. & S. | Tydeus | 7,441 | Dec. 9 | London |
| N. Y. K. | Nikko Maru | 9,600 | Dec. 11 | Australia |
| N. Y. K. | Yokohama Maru | 12,500 | Dec. 13 | Yokohama |
| N. Y. K. | Tango Maru | 13,500 | Dec. 13 | Yokohama |
| N. Y. K. | Suwa Maru | 21,000 | Dec. 13 | London |
| B. & S. | Yangtze | 6,457 | Dec. 14 | Liverpool |
| N. Y. K. | Kamo Maru | 16,000 | Dec. 15 | Yokohama |
| S. T. & Co. | Glanagan | 3,809 | M. Dec. | London |
| P. & O. | Namur | 6,694 | Dec. 16 | Yokohama |
| S. T. & Co. | Kioto | 4,020 | Dec. 16 | New York |
| G. L. & Co. | Empire | 4,498 | Dec. 18 | Australia |
| P. & O. | Novara | | Dec. 18 | London |
| T. K. K. | Shinyo Maru | 22,000 | Dec. 20 | San Francisco |
| B. & S. | Hysan | 6,008 | Dec. 23 | London |
| B. & S. | Prism | 4,543 | Dec. 24 | Liverpool |
| N. Y. K. | Kashima Maru | 21,000 | Dec. 29 | Yokohama |
| P. & O. | Nankin | | Dec. 30 | Yokohama |
| B. & S. | Helenus | 7,555 | Dec. 31 | London |
| S. T. & Co. | Kathlamba | 4,104 | E. Dec. | New York |
| F. & O. | Nellore | | Jan. 1 | London |
| N. Y. K. | Sado Maru | 6,227 | Jan. 2 | Yokohama |
| P. & O. | Kashmir | | Jan. 4 | Yokohama |
| B. & S. | Knight Companion | 7,433 | Jan. 7 | London |
| J.C.J.L. | Arakan | | Jan. 7 | Java |
| G. L. & Co. | Eastern | 3,586 | Jan. 7 | Australia |
| T. K. K. | Persia Maru | 9,000 | Jan. 9 | San Francisco |
| N. Y. K. | Hitachi Maru | 6,557 | Jan. 13 | Australia |
| T. K. K. | Chiyo Maru | 22,000 | Jan. 14 | San Francisco |
| P. & O. | Novara | | Jan. 14 | Yokohama |
| P. & O. | Sardinia | 6,574 | Jan. 15 | London |
| B. & S. | Changsha | 2,269 | Jan. 16 | Australia |
| N. Y. K. | Awa Maru | 6,309 | Jan. 16 | Yokohama |
| N. Y. K. | Shidzuoka Maru | | Jan. 24 | Yokohama |
| N. Y. K. | Suwa Maru | 21,000 | Jan. 26 | Yokohama |
| P. & O. | Nellore | | Jan. 28 | Yokohama |
| G. L. & Co. | Aldenharn | 3,808 | Jan. 29 | Australia |
| P. & O. | Namur | 6,694 | Jan. 29 | London |
| J.C.J.L. | Tjisondari | | Feb. 7 | Java |
| J.C.J.L. | Karlmoen | | Mar. 7 | Java |
| J.C.J.L. | Tjikembang | | Apr. 7 | Java |

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1915

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

ITALY'S ARMY.

EARL KITCHENER'S CONFIDENCE.

December 5, 4.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that Earl Kitchener, on his return to England, has telegraphed General Cadorna, sending to the Italian Army his cordial greetings and expressing his admiration of the skill of its leaders, its general efficiency and the tenacious bravery with which it is fulfilling its task, the nature of which he had seen with his own eyes. He adds:—"I am full of confidence that the spirit shown by the Italian soldier will lead to victory."
General Cadorna replied cordially reciprocating the greetings from the illustrious General who has created the formidable English Army with which the Allies are fighting for the triumph of civilisation.

THE BALKANS.

A MUCH BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

December 5, 4.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says there appears to be a marked change in the situation.
The optimism noticeable in official circles is attributed to advices from London and Paris which have been received through the Legations.
There has been a prolonged meeting of the Cabinet, after which the Premier went to the Palace and conferred with His Majesty the King. Subsequently the Cabinet resumed its deliberations. Ministers have not disclosed any decision, but at least it is understood that things are better.
The Entente diplomatists admit that the position has lost much of its acuteness.
The entire Allied line from Cerna to Krivolak is being continually reinforced, while the positions east of Vardar are being strengthened with a view to extending the zone for the protection of the railway.

SWEDISH STEAMER BLOWN UP.

December 5, 4.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that the Swedish steamer Nordvik, from Grimsby to Stockholm with coal, has been blown up by a mine. Five of her crew were drowned.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co.'s Weekly Share Circular (Shanghai, 27th November, 1915.) is as follows:

The House has again passed a busy week with large blocks of shares changing hands. The daily appreciation of the London price for rubber kept nearly every one of the Rubbers advancing, until on Thursday slightly less favourable telegrams tended to cool the market off and a dull Friday and Saturday resulted. It is not to be expected from the strength of the forward prices that any great fall in the raw article will take place; indeed it is quite possible that next week may witness an active, if perhaps quite not such an exuberant market. The Cotton market has ruled quieter, as indeed was to be expected, while among the General Securities prices have been well maintained. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 2/15; the dollar rate being 73.

Debentures.—The S. Municipal Council calls for applications for four lakhs of 5 per cent 10/30 year debentures at a premium of 5 per cent. The Land Investment Co. are prepared to accept a premium of 4 per cent. for the issue which we noticed last week. Some large sums are being invested in the Russian 5 per cent. and the French 5 per cent. Loans owing to the favourable exchange, and these promising channels for investment, as well as the rise in exchange, may well curb the demand for, and improve the supply of, local debentures. Among other quotations we notice:—Shanghai Municipal Council 6 per cent. (1913) at 109; Land 6 per cent. (1913) at 107; Gas 6 per cent. at 102½; Mackenzie 6 per cent at 104 and Hongkong Water 6 per cent at 105.
Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have again ruled weak; a sale was effected at \$380, but we hear of subsequent private

sales at \$340, with shares offering at \$350. Oathaya. Ordinarys came to business at 2.30; some Preference being obtainable at 7½. Insurance.—The only quotation made under this heading was Yangtze's at \$280. The China Fire has notified shareholders that the Union Insurance has provisionally agreed to the amalgamation of the two companies.

Docks and Engineering.—Shanghai show an improvement from sales at 58½ to buyers at 60. New Engineering's sold and could be placed at 61.
Wharves and Godowns.—Shanghai and Hongkong. The long proposed sale of Heard's Wharf has now been effected for the sum of Tls. 575,000 net; and the Debenture Trustees having signified their content with the security of the balance of the property, that sum passes into the Company's hands. Shares rose to 101 but at close are on offer at 99. Yangtze Wharf and Godown Co. A circular to shareholders forecasts the winding up of the British Company by an issue share for share in a German registration to be called the "Yangtze Lagerhaus Aktiengesellschaft."

Cotton Mills.—There is nothing to add to our remarks of last week: prices have ruled rather lower.
Rubbers.—While there has been some set-back in the spot produce market, the sustained interest in deliveries for the first half of 1916 is reassuring, and though share values show a drop and may very likely rule still lower next week the holders of the sounder numbers at all events, may rest content with their holdings. Kamuntings. At the Annual General Meeting on 15th prox. the Directors will propose the payment of a dividend of Tls. 40 per share, that Tls. 20,926.90 be written off various accounts and Tls. 4,503.21 be carried forward. A second interim of 5 per cent. has been declared payable on 11th proximo.
Miscellaneous.—Telephones sold at 95 and are wanted. Constructions improved to \$38½ buyers. Gas sold and offer at 34.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 6, 1914.

German Battery Easily Defeated.

The narrative of an eye-witness says that the period from 28th to 29th November has been the quietest experienced for weeks. Though generally inactive, the Germans continued to press upon one quarter where the Indians were stationed. On the 27th the enemy succeeded in occupying a portion of a trench on our right by sapping close up and assaulting amidst a shower of bombs. They were, however, soon ejected. On the morning of the 28th a German Battery was discovered on the left, out in the open, probably due to the failure of an attempt to move in during the night. Our guns did not fail to take advantage of their exposed position. The Germans made an unsupported attack on the French which our left easily repulsed, the Germans losing four hundred killed and many prisoners captured. German Officers' Gloomy View. German Officers, changing their tone, admit the failure of German strategy. They take a gloomy view of the future.

More German Prisoners Taken.

On the right wing we advanced in the vicinity of Altkirch. Information has been received that, on December 2, we took 991 prisoners in the northern region alone. Germany's Demands on Belgium. The German Governor of Brussels has demanded from Belgium a monthly payment of 35 million francs towards the upkeep of the army of occupation in that country, and a war indemnity of 375 million francs.

De Wet's Capture—A Confirmation.

The rebel De Wet, the chief leader of the rebellion in South Africa has been surrounded and captured with a commando of 52 men at Waterberg by Commander Brits.
Cruel Food Prices in Germany. The Socialist newspaper Vorwarts makes some interesting disclosures with regard to the prices of various foodstuffs in Germany. No maximum prices have been fixed for rice, beans, peas, etc., the prices have risen enormously. The price of rice has more than doubled itself since July. The price per ton of peas which was from \$12. 10. 0 to \$15 in July was from \$37. 10. 0 to \$45 in October.

The Krupp Report Repeated.

It is reported that a foreign airman flew over Krupp's works and dropped bombs on the Cannon Hall.

THE KOWLOON TRAGEDY.

Prisoner Committed on Manslaughter Charge.

On the resumption of the case of the Kowloon coolie who for some time past has been standing charged with the manslaughter of Miss Rosa Pereira, by knocking her down with a truck, additional evidence was offered in Mr. Lindell's Court this morning. The owner of the truck stated that when the accident occurred the prisoner was in charge of the rope in front and the witness immediately gave chase when the defendant ran away.
Prisoner stated that six other coolies had run away also. Sergeant Lennigan intimated that Mr. Pereira had told him that his daughter did not suffer from deafness.
After further evidence, the defendant was committed for trial.

THE MURDER CHARGE.

Trial Resumed at the Sessions.

The hearing of the murder charge against Wan Chi-po and Lo Muk-kin (mother and son) for the murder of a woman named Young Sze-mui, at 66, Tam Shin Hang village, was resumed this morning, before the Paines Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) and a special jury.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin again appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Eldon Potter defended.

The first witness, an old Chinese lady, who lives a short distance away from the deceased's house, said that she was called up by a small girl and went to the house, where she saw the deceased. All the people in the house were crying, and the female defendant asked her to help dress the body. Witness left early in the morning.

Another old lady, who lives next door, spoke to hearing noises on the night of the occurrence, and later to going into the house, when she found all crying.

Evidence was next given by a Police interpreter of the New Territory, who spoke to visiting the house when enquiries were being made. He spoke to the male prisoner, who said there was an armed robbery and murder in the house at about 1 a.m., the robbers having taken away jewellery and money. He said there were six or seven robbers, but he did not know what sort of arms they were carrying. The deceased, he added, had been killed by a shot, and he had been gagged and tied up. He said that about \$400 had been stolen, as well as a lot of jewellery. The second prisoner said that she was afraid to come out of her room and therefore was not molested. The male prisoner also suggested how the robbers got into the house.

P. S. Cooper, in charge of the Police Station of the district, said that he went to the house on September 20 and searched the place. He went on to describe the jewellery and money he found in some drawers. The house was very orderly, except the deceased's room. When witness arrested the male prisoner he found a gold snake ring (the deceased's property) in his possession. Later he arrested the woman and while he was arresting her she tried to pass two purses to another woman who lived in Chinese territory. He made a further search of the premises and found an alarm, issued by the Government, for use when attacked by robbers, and six rounds of ammunition.

Questioned by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that patrols were sometimes sent out around the district. They went out in parties of three or more. They were never allowed to go out in twos.

Mr. Potter:—Why do the patrols go out in threes or fours?
Witness:—We have received orders to this effect.

Mr. Potter:—Is it so very dangerous in this district?
Witness:—It might be dangerous if you met one of those things which was killed recently.

Mr. Potter:—You mean tigers?
Witness:—Yes. We are right on the border and both robbers and tigers might cross the frontier.

Mr. Potter:—I don't know which you would prefer to meet. I am sure you would not mind meeting both.—(Laughter.)

Police Sgt. Lennigan stated that he visited the premises where the murder took place, and there saw the bullet embedded in the frame-work of the bed. He tried to extract it, but failed, and a sharp instrument brought by one of the inmates got it out. A blood-stained plank of the bed where the deceased had lain, and which was now produced in Court, was taken possession of.

Mr. Potter said that at this point he would like to say that at the

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

For the Allied Forces at the Front.

The following is the Subscription List to date:—

Total acknowledged to the 27th November 1915. \$8,589.39.
Since received:—

H. A. N. ... \$10
W. A. D. ... 5
Mr. F. J. Becke. Whampoa ... 15

30.00

Per Hongkong Tramway Company Collected in Boxes on Tram Cars

From 15th November: to 30th November: ... 25.70

Per South China Morning Post:—

Mr. C. J. Pirie ... 5

"Non-Smoker" ... 5

10.00

Per Engineers Institute:—

Mr. A. Davidson ... 1

"H. Smyth ... 5

"J. Ormiston ... 1

"J. N. McDougall ... 1

No. 44 ... 1

The Controversy ... 2

11.00

List No. 4 L:—

H. P. W. ... \$10

Anon: ... 10

W. H. ... 5

25.00

List No. 4 M:—

Mr. P. K. Kwok ... \$5

"Chan Sui Ki ... 5

"Chan Cheuk Fan ... 5

"Chui U. Tin ... 10

"Chui Chan Sam ... 5

"Chai Wan ... 5

H. P. W. ... 10

J. W. B. ... 2

A. A. ... 2

Mr. Kwok Sui Lan ... 10

Mr. Fung Ping San ... 10

\$71.50

Amount Expended to 27th November ... 8,075.41

Consignment despatched on 30th Nov. 100,000 Cigarettes ... 342.24

\$8,417.65

Balance in hand ... \$344.94

D. W. GRADDOCK, Chairman.

Hongkong, December 4th, 1915.

A Christmas Appeal.

Since the publication of the last list, the donations received have enabled the despatch to the Front of a consignment of 100,000 cigarettes. The balance in hand would have permitted a somewhat larger supply, but it was considered better to limit it at that time in the hope that further subscriptions would be forthcoming and so allow of a really substantial offering being sent for Christmas. It may be needless to mention that the Committee are anxious to make the Christmas gift of smoke as large as possible and so show that the community of Hongkong and South China are not forgetting the Boys at the Front. A telegram will be despatched about the 15th instant ordering as many cigarettes as funds will allow. It is hoped that advantage will be taken of this opportunity to beat all previous records.

Police Court, when the case was being heard, the Crown Solicitor said that the tale of the bullet was "all bunkum," and they applied this same tale to the defence.

Mr. Jenkin:—"I don't think that there was anything said about it being 'bunkum,' but, at any rate, we have no need to make a speech upon the matter just now. The case is proceeding."

A DRUNKEN SAILOR.

Acted "Like a Madman."

A man named Carl Palumes was charged before Mr. Hazeldan at the Police Court, this morning, with being drunk and assaulting P. C. Williams.

P. C. Williams stated that last night he was on duty in Cross Street and he found the defendant fighting with another man. He tried to stop them and he was struck in the chest by prisoner. He had to draw his baton. He had great difficulty in taking the man to the Police Station. Defendant had had a lot of drink and he acted like a madman.

Defendant said he could not remember anything about it.

It was stated that defendant was a sailor on one of the ships in the harbour. Fines of \$3 for being drunk and \$5 for the assault were imposed.

WIPERS.

Wipers, squatting by the meat, ain't a place on which I dote.

As though there's lots of water you can neither fish nor boat; And the pleasure's apt to pall when the shrapnel bullets fall While the bits of high explosive are bounding off the wall.

The extremely gentle Hun has a subtle sense of fun.

And he loves to chuck the iron about ere the day's begun; His single idea of chaff is a little bit of 'strafe': A well mixed bag of projectiles will almost make him laugh.

He is never happy quite 'less he's at it day and night;

To send things hurdling in the most hot whets his appetite; And if he should have the blues a fat bunch of four point twos

Well dished up hot with whizz-bangs him is certain to amuse.

For he reasons without doubt the first lot will bolt us out;

Then the others he will send along to complete the rout.

And they come along so fast you can hardly tell they're passed, Though if they catch you in the open you are swiftly grassed.

INTERESTING TO SHARE-HOLDERS.

Ewo Cotton Mill Report.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., General Managers for the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., state that, at a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Company, held on November 27 it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on October 31, 1915, of Tls. 537,276.26 as follows:—

To pay dividend on preference shares at rate of 7 per cent. per annum, absorbing ... 28,000.00

To pay a dividend of Tls. 18 per share on 15,000 ordinary shares ... 240.00

To write off plant and machinery ... 70,000.00

To write off buildings ... 20,000.00

To write off motor car ... 380.00

To write off water supply ... 1,000.00

To pay a bonus to staff at mills ... 750.00

To place to reserve fund ... 150,000.00

To carry forward to new account ... 16,699.26

Tls. 537,276.26

Written (on the spot under fire) by "WHIZZ-BANG."

A COMPANY'S WINDING-UP.

Petition to be Heard To-morrow.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, an application was due to be made for the winding-up of the Yuen On Insurance, Exchange, Loan and Godown Co. Ltd., in accordance with the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

The matter came up before the Paines Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. F. O. Jenkin, (instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner) appearing on behalf of the Company.

Mr. Jenkin asked if the application might be adjourned. The matter, he said, was to have come before the Chief Justice, and if it was no inconvenience to the Court, he would like the matter adjourned.

The Paines Judge:—"I have spoken to the Chief Justice about it this morning and we suggest to-morrow morning at 10.30. To this suggestion Mr. Jenkin agreed."

MISHAP TO PERSIA MARU.

Dry-Docked at Yokohama.

The T.K.K. steamer Persia Maru, 8,000 tons (formerly of the Pacific Mail Co.), which recently arrived at Yokohama from Hongkong came into collision with Quay No. 4 while she was being brought alongside it. As the result the steamer has sustained a rather severe indentation six feet square in extent, and in consequence her departure for America has been postponed.

The vessel arrived outside the harbour at four o'clock in the afternoon, says the Japan Gazette, and after passing quarantine proceeded to enter the harbour at about six o'clock, when she collided with the Quay. She sustained some damage to her bow, which was split, water entering at some points. Fortunately, however, no damage was done to the cargo.

The steamer brought twenty-four first-class and 204 third-class passengers, and a cargo of over 3,000 tons. It is expected the repairs will take about one week.

The Persia Maru, it will be remembered, was purchased by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha from the Pacific Mail Steamship Company on the occasion of the latter's withdrawal from the Pacific, and this is her first voyage under the Japanese flag.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

CYPRUS.

CONTROL OF RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS.

December 4, 2.10 p.m.
An Order-in-Council has been gazetted providing that the High Commissioner of Cyprus shall appoint two delegates, one of whom shall be a Mussulman resident, to superintend the administration of property, of mosques, cemeteries, and Mussulman schools and the other religious establishments in Cyprus.

DENMARK'S TEA CONSUMPTION.

A STARTLING RISE.

December 4, 2.40 p.m.
A correspondent of the Mail points out that while Denmark's annual consumption of tea is one million pounds in weight, in November two and a half million pounds were exported to Denmark from the United Kingdom. He says that it is known that the German troops are receiving tea as a ration.

GERMAN CONSPIRATORS IN AMERICA.

CAPT. BOYED'S ADMISSION.

December 4, 2.40 p.m.
A Washington message says the jury's verdict in the Hamburg-America case left the Government no alternative but to notify Berlin that Capt. Boyed and Capt. von Papen are *personae non gratae*. Boyed admitted his connection with the financing operations which the jury found illegal. The Government's action has been cordially received by the newspapers.

FURTHER CASES.

December 5, 2.15 a.m.
A message from San Francisco states that warrants have been issued against Robert Capelle, the Norddeutscher Lloyd agent and Baron Brencken, a German cavalry captain. Both cases are believed to be connected with the hitting out of supply ships for American warships.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

December 4, 3.30 p.m.
The British steamers *Glan Macleod* and *Middleton* have been sunk. Nineteen of the crew of the latter have been landed at Malta. Of the remainder four were killed. The remainder of the crew of the *Langton Hall* were landed at Malta.

ALLIED CONFERENCE AT CALAIS.

December 4, 11.25 p.m.
Mr. Asquith, Earl Kitchener, Mr. Balfour and military and naval advisers conferred at Calais to-day with M. Briand, M. Gallieni and M. Lacaze. They returned to England in the evening.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BAD WEATHER HINDERS OPERATIONS.

December 5, 1.15 a.m.
A Paris communique states: A continuance of the bad weather has hampered operations. There has been intermittent cannonading at various points on the front and some patrol encounters in Artois, while there has been active mining in Argonne. Our artillery destroyed a heavy gun east of St. Mihiel.

ITALY AND THE WAR.

CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

December 5, 2.15 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the Senate has passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 405 votes against 48.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

December 5, 2.45 a.m.
The Chamber's vote of confidence was followed by a debate on Baron Sonnino's recent statement of policy and by a speech from Signor Salandra, who said the Government was fully aware of the gravity of the international situation. But its confidence in final victory was in no way shaken by the turn of events, which only served to convince the Government all the more of the necessity and justice of the war without which the interests, the dignity and the honour of Italy would have been irretrievably impaired. He was glad to note, from personal observation, that this conviction was shared by all classes of the people, who were ready to make all sacrifices to carry on the war.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SUGGESTED NEW PERSONALITY TO CONTROL FRENCH FRONT.

December 4, 3.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris it is suggested in some quarters that now General Joffre has the supreme command of the National Armies, the direct responsibility for the French front will be entrusted to a new and prominent personality, who is a great expert on trench warfare.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH THE ARTILLERY.

December 4, 6.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says it at the communique is featureless, except that the French have successfully exploded a mine at Yvanchois.
A downpour of rain is interfering with the artillery.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKANS.

December 4, 6.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Bucharest says that in the official interests of national defence the military authorities have commandeered all foreign craft in Roumanian ports.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens it is officially announced that no enemy troops have entered Monastir, but only German, Austrian and Bulgarian officers have entered.

THE RUSSIANS.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd it is officially announced that the artillery have indicated heavy losses on the enemy at Semki, on the left bank of the Dnieper. The enemy fled in disorder.
On the Caucasian front we pursued the Turks retreating to Yerkumia and have approached the Bitlis mountains which are heavily snow-clothed.

GERMAN AMERICAN PLOTS.

THREE OF THE CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED.

December 4, 7.00 p.m.
Three of the Hamburg Amerika Line conspirators on the 3rd inst. were sentenced to eighteen months and a fourth to one year's imprisonment, and the Hamburg Amerika Line have been fined one dollar.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT IF NECESSARY.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.
The Hamburg Amerika defendants will appeal to the supreme Court if necessary.

THE BATTLE OF CIESIPHON.

December 4, 5.00 p.m.
The Press Bureau announce that the total casualties at the battle of Ciesiphon were 4567, including 133 officers. On the night of Nov. 30, General Townshend fought a rearguard action against greatly superior forces, our casualties being 150 of all ranks. Two river boats were disabled through shell fire, these having to be abandoned, but not until the guns and engines had been rendered useless. General Townshend remarks on the steadiness of the troops, and states that the retirement was carried out in perfect order. The latest reports say that General Townshend is within a few miles of Kut-el-Amarah, upon which he is now retiring.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MONASTIR EVACUATED BY ORDER.

December 3, 11.25 p.m.
Reuter's Salonica correspondent reports that the Serbians evacuated Monastir on Thursday evening by order and not under pressure from the Bulgarians.

AUSTRO-GERMANS MOVING TOWARDS BULGARIA.

November 3, 6.30 p.m.
According to Reuter's Correspondent at Paris, a Salonica telegram states that the Eastern General Staff has received news that Austro-German forces are moving towards Bulgaria.

Later
The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent reports that the Bulgarians entered Monastir on the afternoon of the 2nd inst.

ADMIRAL TROUBRIDGE REACHES SCUTARI.

December 4, 4.30 a.m.
News has reached London to the effect that Admiral Troubridge, who commanded the British gunners at Belgrade, has reached Scutari.

GERMAN AMERICAN PLOTS.

December 3, 11.25 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington it is officially announced that the State Department has requested the recall of the German naval and military attaches, Captains Boyed and von Papen, because of their "objectionable activities in connection with naval and military matters."

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 3, 6.30 p.m.
It is understood that the Allies are re-establishing restrictions on Greek commerce in view of the "conversations" of the Greek Cabinet.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 4, 1.30 a.m.
A Paris communique reports that the artillery actions have continued. A small post which the Germans surprised south of Lombardzyde has been recaptured. There was mine and grenade fighting on almost the entire front. The French silenced the German batteries which were bombarding Thann.

BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK.

December 3, 4.55 p.m.
The British steamer *Langton Hall* has been sunk, and part of the crew has been landed. The *Colesto* was sunk on the morning of the 30th ult. apparently by the same submarine which torpedoed the *Malinche* and *Tania*. Ten minutes were given to abandon the ship. The crew of thirty-two reached Malta on Thursday in nine boats.

N. Y. K. LINER ASHORE.

December 3, 6.30 p.m.
The Japanese steamer *Kitano Maru* from Yokohama to London is ashore near Margate.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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AUCTIONEER, SHARE & GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 10th December, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 2 Robinson Road.
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture and Superior Blackwood comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Silk Tapestry Covered Drawing Room Suites, Cherrywood Card Table, Octagonal Tables, Teak Bookcase, Teak Overmantels with Bevelled Mirrors, Copper and Brass Fenders, Coal Scuttles, Carpets, Rugs, Lace and Art Curtains, Marble Clocks, Teak Cabinet, Engravings, Embroidered Screens etc., etc.
Oak and Teak Extension Dining Tables, Morocco and Hyde Covered Dining Chairs, Leather Covered Couches, Oak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Oak Cabinet for Glass Ware, Silver Mounted Tantalus, Claret Jug, Fine Electric Plate, Dinner and Dessert Services, Cut-Glass, Cutlery, etc., etc.

Twin Brass Bedsteads, Brass Mounted Double Iron Bedsteads, Single and Double Wardrobes with Bevelled Glass, Toilet Tables, Tiled and Marble Top Washstands, Toilet Sets, Camphorwood Chest of Drawers, Mahogany Work Table, Box Couch, Linen, etc., etc.
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GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 21st December, 1915 commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms Duddell Street.

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The Japanese Steamer "Taro Maru" as she now lies wrecked at the Hainan Straits together with her Engines, Anchors, Cables, Appurtenances, Stores, etc., etc.

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NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

At the request of several patrons of the Hotel the Management has arranged a series of dances to be held during Christmas Week open to residents and diners in the Hotel. These will take place on the following nights:—

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.

BOXING DAY

MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.

NEW YEAR EVE

FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L. A. WATSON and Officers the Band of the 74th Punjab is under Bandmaster Christian will be in attendance.

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Notice is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Society No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ico House Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 20th day of December, 1915 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$4,000,000 (Four million Dollars) by the creation of 3,600 (Three thousand six hundred) additional ordinary shares of \$250 (Two hundred and fifty Dollars) each whereof \$100 (One hundred Dollars) shall be credited as paid up ranking for dividend and in all other respects par passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to the Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 4th day of August, 1915—such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance (if any) of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society.

2.—That Article No. 9 of the Society's Articles of Association which now reads:—
"The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Society either from him alone or jointly with any other person or persons than one the Society shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies so due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."
be eliminated in its entirety; and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

9.—The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Society, whether the period for the payment, fulfillment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34a hereof shall have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such shares.

3.—That after Article No. 34 of the Society's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 34a:—

34a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Society shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, company or Corporation.

4.—That the heading of Articles Nos. 95 to 100 (inclusive) of the Society's Articles of Association reading: "The Secretary" be altered so as to read "the General Manager"; and that in the last mentioned Articles (Nos. 95 to 100 inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Company No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ico House Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 20th day of December 1915 at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That Article No. 9 of the Company's Articles of Association which now reads:—
"The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Company either from him alone or jointly with any other person, and where a share is held by more persons than one the Company shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies so due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."
be eliminated in its entirety; and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

9.—The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Company, whether the period for the payment, fulfillment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 33a hereof shall have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such shares.

2.—That after Article No. 33 of the Company's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 33a:—

33a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Company shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, company or Corporation.

3.—That the heading of Articles Nos. 94 to 99 (inclusive) of the Company's Articles of Association reading: "the Secretary" be altered so as to read "the General Manager"; and that in the last mentioned Articles (Nos. 94 to 99 inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted.

4.—That in the following Articles of the Company's Articles of Association, viz: Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 35, 44, 46, 52, 54, 55, 93, 102 and 128 the word "Secretary" wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted. Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,
O. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

5.—That in the following Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 35, 45, 47, 53, 55, 84, 94, 103 and 129 the word "Secretary" wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted. Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,
O. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

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Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 13th day of December, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, when the following Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

(1)—That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$3,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 additional shares of \$50 each.

(2)—That the Directors be authorised to offer the said 10,000 additional Shares at a premium of \$10 per Share to each Member on the Register of Members on the 14th day of December, 1915, in the proportion of one New Share for every complete number of Five Shares which such Member is the Registered Holder of on that date and upon the footing (unless the Directors shall otherwise determine) that Shareholders shall be given the option of paying the full amount of each share taken up plus the premium (making together \$60 per Share) to the Company on acceptance of the offer or of paying such amount on or before the 29th February, 1916, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from (and including) the 1st January, 1916, until payment and that if any Shareholder fails to pay the full amount due on any Shares accepted by him (including premium and interest) on or before the 29th February, 1916, such Shares may be forfeited by the Directors and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined to the 31st December, 1915; and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not accepted in response to such offer to such persons upon such terms and conditions and at such times as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company and that forfeited Shares shall become the property of the Company and may be sold, reallocated or otherwise disposed of by the Directors in such manner as they think fit.

(3)—That such additional shares shall not participate in any Dividend declared in March, 1916, in respect of profit accrued up to the 31st December, 1915, but shall participate in any Dividend declared thereafter pro rata with the existing capital.

(4)—That no Member shall be entitled to an offer of any fraction of an Additional Share in respect of any Number of Shares less than five held by him.

(5)—That the Directors be empowered to dispose of all additional shares which members are not entitled to have offered to them to such persons upon such terms and conditions and at such times as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

(6)—That the proposed exercise by the Directors of the power of borrowing vested in them by the creation of a debenture issue of \$2,000,000 bearing interest at Six per cent. of which \$1,000,000 is

to be offered for subscription forthwith and the balance is to be dealt with in such manner as the Directors may in the present or future determine be and the same is hereby approved; and that the Directors be left to raise and secure the repayment of such debentures in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as they think fit with liberty, if they think fit to deposit any of such debentures with the Company's Bankers on such terms as they think fit as security for any indebtedness of the Company to its Bankers either present or future.

And the Resolution hereafter further subjoined will also be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:—
"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

Should the Resolution immediately preceding for the approval and adoption of new regulations of the Company be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened. A copy of the new regulations referred to can be seen on application at the Company's Office in Hongkong or at the Offices of Messieurs Deacon, Looker, Duncanson & Harston, the company's Solicitors.
Dated the 1st day of December, 1915.

By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Notice.—The Register of Shareholders will be closed from and including the 14th December, 1915 to the 24th December, 1915.

By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

Shareholders are reminded that pursuant to the Resolutions advertised above the Register will be closed on the 14th Day of December, 1915, and the offer of New Shares will be made to the Shareholders on the Register on that day. The last day for receiving transfers will accordingly be the 13th December, 1915.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1915.

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COMMERCIAL.

Tin Production.
The F.M.S. Gazette gives the following statistics of tin exportation.—October exportation 63,735 piculs of approximate value \$4,817,580; duty \$538,756 piculs valued at \$3,962,357 in Oct. 1914. Jan. to October—exports 649,095 piculs against 682,185 in the first ten months of 1915, a decrease of 33,100 piculs—total value and duty for the same months being practically the same for each year.

Japan's Commercial Move.
There is a possibility that in the not far distant future Japan will occupy a somewhat similar position in regard to the supply of cheap goods that Germany formerly held. In a few cases, says the Dundee Advertiser, British merchant houses who deal in the class of goods that were made by the enemy in the past have sent representatives over to Japan to make extensive purchases. One particular firm, a drapery company, has just secured delivery of large orders which their man placed with Japanese manufacturers in the early months of the year. The goods in this case consist principally of gloves and underwear, though it is probable that Japanese manufacturers are even now turning the attention to other classes of goods. The merchandise is essentially low-priced stuff, and Japan is, of course, in a position with the cheap labour conditions that obtain here, to produce goods at a tempting price compared with British productions. Furthermore, the Japanese are expert operators; given a sample they may be trusted to turn out a faithful reproduction of it. As the Japanese manufacturers develop their resources and the British merchants learn what may be imported from the country there will probably be an increasing quantity of Eastern goods in the market, and it is not improbable that Japan will eventually supply a large proportion of the cheap articles that Germany before the war exported to the United Kingdom in such large quantities.

Wanted—A Substitute for Petrol.
There has been much anxiety in the motoring world of late over the rise in the price of gasoline, says an American Exchange, but it is not so much the grievance of the moment as the fear of the future that agitates the motorist. The power of the gasoline producers is beginning to be realized and it is then not only that gasoline is going to increase in price in years to come, but that the amount of the increase may possibly be very large. There is, therefore, a determination to experiment with alternative fuels, of which there are several more or less suitable, and to adopt carburetors constructed for their proper vaporisation. The most favoured of alternative fuels is paraffin, which in consequence of the comparative difficulty of breaking it up properly into vapour form, needs a special design of carburetor, but the only drawbacks are, odour, oiliness, and a tendency to produce carbon deposits in the cylinders. There are, however, a great number of paraffin engines, which have done satisfactory work for a number of years past. Paraffin is, in many ways superior to petrol, and it has the advantage of being easily vaporised and is very similar to that of gasoline. The only objection to its use seems to be that a "sticky deposit" may be left in the cylinders, while the odour of exhaust has the disagreeable smell of sulphur. It will be seen, therefore, that it is a serious competitor of gasoline. The only other available liquid fuel, which can now be considered, is alcohol. But this spirit does not present the same prospects as paraffin or benzol, while the difficulties attending its manufacture in large quantities renders it unlikely that it would be generally used as a power producer for many years to come. The general conclusion, therefore, to where these considerations lead is that if the motor car world desires to escape from the grip of the wholesale gasoline producers it must undertake seriously and systematically experiments with both benzol and paraffin and that manufacturers of automobile must consider new designs for carburetors which will use heavier fuels.

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COMMERCIAL.

A Big Draft.

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German Forgeries of Trade Marks.

By the wholesale counterfeiting of trade marks, says *Drushmaking* Germany has been and is carrying an extensive trade in belligerent as well as neutral countries. A slight telegraphic blunder, the change of one letter into another, and, by consequence, of one word into another, has (says Reuter) been the indirect means of disclosing this ingenious German swindle. The trade marks, boxes and general get-up of British and other firms of high repute having been ingeniously counterfeited, the goods are sent into neutral countries. The irony of the whole thing is added Reuter, that the neutrals not only sell to other neutrals but are to-day sending over German goods, which are being sold in London.

Palm Disease.

Madras, October 22.—The report of the Director of Agriculture for the half year ending 30th June 1915, dealing with the progress of the operations against palm disease in Kristna, Godavary and Malabar show that a detailed examination of all palm trees in the inspected area was carried out in forty-four villages in the Kristna District, and the quality of work done and the results achieved amply demonstrated the merits of the new system and reflect great credit on the special tabular and his staff. In the central and eastern deltas of the Godavary District a detailed campaign against the disease was commenced. Prompt and thorough measures were taken against an outbreak in the Tuni division. The disease in Malabar though very widely spread is nowhere intense and it has been found unnecessary to continue the special staff in this district the work being entrusted to the ordinary revenue staff of the district in the detection and treatment of the disease.

Rice Production in The Philippines.

To all who have the interests of the Philippines at heart, it will be gratifying to hear that the Bureau of Agriculture in Manila is giving for the first time serious consideration to the greater production of rice in these islands. The Bureau is asking the Legislature for a greatly increased appropriation and should it be successful, will at once start a vigorous campaign throughout the many provinces urging that strenuous efforts be made to quadruple, even quintuple, the present rice crop. It is a campaign that deserves the fullest support and we sincerely trust that the Bureau will be successful in its application to the Assembly for the necessary funds. Rice is the staple food of the people of the Philippines and can be grown in these islands with the greatest ease; yet in spite of the ease with which it can be grown, no attempt is made to increase the present output of the land. As is well known more money is sent out of the country for the purchase of rice than for any other commodity. That such should be the case is a lasting reproach to the people and is a source of amazement to all visitors who take the trouble to study things. The scheme of the Bureau of Agriculture is to use the graduates of the agricultural college in the work of encouraging a greater production of rice throughout the provinces. These young men have been trained in the better knowledge of rice culture and if they can induce the rice planters to increase not only the production, but the quality of the rice, and to improve their methods of cultivation, the money expended for that purpose will prove one of the best investments the government has ever made. Owing to the great interest that Vice Governor Martin has taken in agriculture, we feel confident that he will use his influence with the leaders of the parties in the Assembly in favour of the increased appropriation as it is doubtful if any other application that will be made will be of greater benefit to the country. — *Cebu Chronicle*.

SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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| STOCK. | To-day's Closing Prices | Number of Shares | Par Value | Paid Up | 1914. Highest | 1914. Lowest | 1915. Highest Since 14th May. to now | 1915. Lowest Since 14th May. to now | Last Dividend and Date |
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| Banks. | | | | | | | | | |
| H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. | \$810 a. £73/10/- | 120,000 | \$125 | all | 855 July. | 700 Oct. | 845 x div. | 790 c. div. | { £2/3/- at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15 |
| Marine Insurances. | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. | 425 b. | 10,000 | \$250 | 50 | 350 Dec. | 305 Oct. | 425 | 360 | { Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914. |
| North China Ins. Co., Ltd. | 175 n. | 10,000 | £15 | £5 | 145 May | 133 Jan. | 175 | 160 | { Final of 12 1/2 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914 |
| Union Ins. Society of C'ton, Ltd. | 4910 b. | 12,400 | \$250 | 100 | 847 1/2 April | 700 Oct. | \$972 | \$855 | { Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$55 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914 |
| Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd. | \$270 b. | 12,000 | \$100 | 60 | 20 April | 192 1/2 Jan. | 270 | 225 | { Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914 |
| Fire Insurances. | | | | | | | | | |
| China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd. | \$152 1/2 b. | 20,000 | \$100 | 20 | 180 July | 140 Oct. | 162 | 150 | { \$9 for 1913 |
| H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd. | \$415 s. | 8,000 | \$250 | 50 | 395 Feb. | 358 April | 420 | 385 | { \$27 for 1913 |
| Shipping. | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. | \$87 b. | 20,000 | \$50 | all | 35 Mar. | 27 1/2 Nov. | 91 | 45 | { \$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15 |
| Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd. | 19 b. | 80,000 | \$15 | all | 29 1/2 Jan. | 22 Dec. | 23 | 19 | { Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14 |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. | { Combined \$146 1/2 b. Deferred \$84 1/2 b. Preferred \$62 b. | { 60,000 60,000 | { \$5 \$5 | { all all | { 79 Jan. 50 Sept. | { 50 Sept. 159 96 | { 82 1/2 x div. x div. | { 82 1/2 x div. x div. | { 6 p.c. on p. & s. & 3 p.c. on d. s. for year 1914. a/c quoted ex 9 p.c. div. in H.K. from 23.12.15. Interim div. of 5 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London 23.12.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.12.15. |
| Shell T'port & Trading Co. Ltd. | 85/- b. | 3,797,610 | £1 | all | 106/- Feb. | 70/- Sept. | 90/- x div. | 82/- x div. | { Final of 5/- (Coupon No 24) making 7/- for 1914 |
| Star Ferry Company, Ltd. | \$37 1/2 b. | 40,000 | \$10 | all | 49 Mar. | 40 Nov. | 39 | 32 | { \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.6.15 |
| Refineries. | | | | | | | | | |
| China S. Refining Co., Ltd. | \$127 1/2 a. | 20,000 | \$100 | all | 95 1/2 Feb. | 70 Nov. | 134 | 111 | { \$3 for 1912 |
| Luzon S. Refining Co., Ltd. | \$57 b. | 7,000 | \$100 | all | 31 Jan. | 17 Dec. | 46 | 27 1/2 | { \$3 for 1897 |
| Mining. | | | | | | | | | |
| Kailan Mining Adm'n'tion | 30/- b. | 1,000,000 | £1 | all | 41/- Feb. | 33/6 Dec. | 33/6 | 30/- | { Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.) |
| Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. | \$3.60 s. | 200,000 | £1 | all | 3.10 Jan. | 1.90 Nov. | 4 | 3 1/2 | { 1/2 for 1909 |
| Tronoh Mines Ltd. | 25/- b. | 160,000 | £1 | all | 39/- Feb. | 19/6 Nov. | 32/6 | 25/- | { Interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15 |
| Ural Caspian | 36/6 s. | 796,666 | £1 | all | 56/6 | 21/3 | 41 | 37/6 | { 1/- interim 1915 |
| Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c. | | | | | | | | | |
| H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd. | \$77 b. | 60,000 | \$50 | all | 69 Jan. | 73 Nov. | 81 1/2 | 68 | { \$3.50 for year 1914 |
| H'kong & W'poa D. Co., Ltd. | \$85 s. | 50,000 | \$50 | all | 77 Jan. | 58 Oct. | 88 1/2 | 57 | { \$3 dividend for year 1914 |
| Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd. | \$61 s. | 55,700 | £100 | all | 60 Jan. | 50 Dec. | 68 1/2 | 49 ex div. | { Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15 |
| Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd. | \$99 s. | 36,000 | £100 | all | 109 Jan. | 82 1/2 Dec. | 93 1/2 | 80 | { Tls. 5 for 1914 |
| Lands, Hotels and Buildings. | | | | | | | | | |
| Anglo French Lands | \$1.94 b. | 13,000 | \$100 | \$100 | — | — | 94 | 94 | { Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14 |
| H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd. | \$108 b. | 20,000 | \$50 | 50 | 128 July | 120 Dec. | 116 | 112 | { \$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15 |
| H'kong Land Investment Co. | \$105 a. | 50,000 | \$100 | all | 117 1/2 July | 90 Nov. | 111 1/2 | 108 | { \$3 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15 |
| H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd. | \$46 b. | 150,000 | \$50 | all | 94 Jan. | 7 Nov. | 7 1/2 | 6.10 | { 45 cents for year 1914 |
| K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd. | \$40 b. | 6,000 | \$50 | 30 | 45 1/2 Jan. | 44 Feb. | 40 | 40 | { \$3 for 1914 |
| Shanghai Lands | \$1.05 b. | 78,000 | \$50 | all | 98 Dec. | 89 Oct. | 106 | 101 | { Dividend of 6 p.c. for year ending 30.6.15 |
| West Point Building Co., Ltd. | \$73 b. | 12,500 | \$50 | all | 73 June | 66 Feb. | — | 70 | { \$2 for half year ending 30.6.15 |
| H'kong Central Estates | \$103 s. | 10,000 | \$100 | all | — | — | 103 | 100 | { \$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14 |
| Cotton Mills. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd. | \$160 b. | 20,000 | \$50 | all | 138 July | 125 May | 180 | 152 1/2 | { Tls. 12 for year ending 31.10.14 |
| Kung Yik | \$154 1/2 a. | 75,000 | \$10 | all | 144 Jan. | 11 Mar. | 17 | 13 1/2 | { Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30.11.14 |
| Laung Kung Mow | \$78 s. | 8,000 | \$100 | all | 94 Jan. | 70 May | 89 | 80 | { Tls. 12 for 1913 |
| Shanghai Cottons | \$1.90 s. | 40,000 | \$50 | all | 135 Feb. | 70 Nov. | 105 | 90 | { Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15 |
| Miscellaneous. | | | | | | | | | |
| Yangtze Stevedores | \$1.6 1/2 n. | 175,000 | \$15 | all | — | — | 6 1/2 | 6 1/2 | { 85 cents for 1914 |
| China Borneo Company, Ltd. | \$10 1/4 b. | 60,000 | \$12 | all | 12 May | 10 Dec. | 10 | 10 | { 6% for year ending 28.2.06 |
| China Light & Power Co., Ltd. | \$4.80 s. | 50,000 | \$5 | all | 4.90 July | 4 April | 4 1/4 | 4 1/4 | { 70 cts. for 1914 |
| Do. (Spec. shares) | 9.80 b. | 125,000 | \$10 | all | 9 Jan. | 7 Nov. | 10.10 | 8.00 | { \$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15 |
| H. Price & Co., Ltd. | \$9.80 b. | 40,000 | \$5 | all | 39 June | 35 Aug. | 34 | 31 | { 50 cts. for 1914 |
| Dairy Farm Company, Ltd. | \$9.80 b. | 400,000 | \$10 | all | 6.80 Jan. | 5 Dec. | 11 | 6.70 | { \$2.00 per share for 1914 |
| Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. | \$9.80 b. | 60,000 | \$10 | all | 49 Jan. | 36 Nov. | 45 | 39 | { Interim of \$2 account 1915 |
| Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. | \$44 s. | 6,500 | \$25 | all | 217 1/2 Jan. | 174 Dec. | 150 | 134 | { Interim \$1 for year ending 30.6.15 |
| Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd. | \$19 s. | 60,000 | \$10 | all | 25 June | 22 Apr. | 48 1/2 | 25 | { \$10 for 1914 |
| Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd. | \$34 1/2 a. | 325,000 | \$5 | all | 13/- July | 7/- Feb. | 5.90 | 4.80 | { Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913 |
| Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. | \$5 b. | 250,000 | \$10 | all | 64 1/2 Mar. | 28 Dec. | 42 | 36 1/2 | { 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15 |
| Langkats | \$1.38 s. | 25,000 | \$10 | all | 10 1/2 Jan. | 9 1/4 June | 10 | 9 | { None |
| Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old) Do (New) 85 cts. | \$2 b. | 50,000 | \$10 | all | 93 cts. Jan. | 75 cts. Dec. | \$1 | \$1 | { \$1.50 for 1910 |
| Philippines Ld. | \$4 b. | 75,000 | \$10 | all | — | — | 4 | 4 | { None |
| H. Price & Co., Ltd. | \$5 b. | 12,000 | \$10 | all | — | — | 5 | 5 | { None |
| Societes des Pulpes et Papiers | \$20 s. | 13,200 | \$50 | all | — | — | 20 | 20 | { None |
| teries du Tonkin | \$20 s. | 20,000 | \$5 | all | 5.00 June | 4 Nov. | 3 1/2 | 3.00 | { 25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15 |
| Steam Laundry Co., Ltd. | \$32 s. | 27,723 | \$10 | all | 22 1/4 Feb. | 17 Jan. | 18 | 16 | { \$1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.1914 |
| Union Water-boat Co., Ltd. | \$16 1/2 s. | 90,000 | \$10 | all | 8 1/2 April | 6.90 Dec. | 6.90 | 6 1/2 | { \$1.00 per share for year ending 30.6.14 |
| Watson and Co., Ltd. | \$6 1/2 s. | 21,000 | \$7 | all | 9 1/2 Jan. | 6 1/4 Dec. | 7 | 6 | { \$1.50 for 1914 |
| William Powell, Limited. | \$46 1/4 b. | 6,000 | \$25 | all | 30 June | 92 Dec. | 29 | 29 | |
| S. C. Morning Post | \$29 b. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |

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